

The West Side Community Plan

An Addendum to the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan

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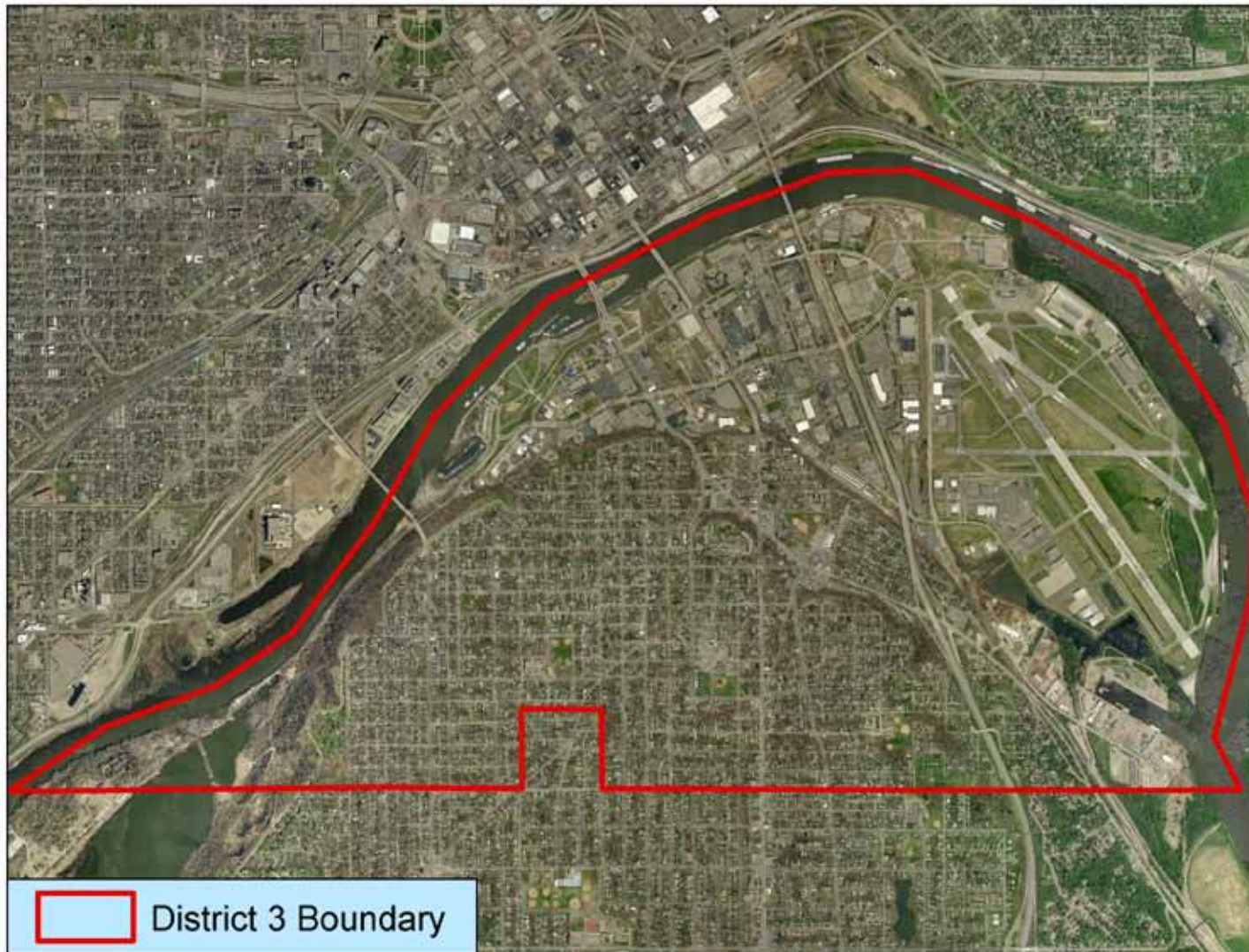
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Study Area

The West Side neighborhood is bordered by Annapolis Street to the south and the Mississippi River on all other sides, excluding one section outside city limits bound by Page, Bidwell, Annapolis, and Charlton Streets.



Purpose of the Plan

The document works to plan and prioritize improvements for the neighborhood by identifying needs, articulating priorities, and steering the changes, policies and investments initiated by developers, by the City and its agencies, and by local institutions and stakeholders. Adopted by the City Council in 2012, the West Side Community Plan is a formal addendum to the City of Saint Paul's Comprehensive Plan.



Overall Vision and Themes

Beginning in 2011 and continuing through the spring of 2012, WSCO held a series of community conversations with residents and businesses to learn about their ideas and vision for the future of the West Side. Over 150 people participated in the visioning sessions, providing more than five hundred comments and recommendations for “Key Strategies” to guide the community’s vision of a thriving, successful and sustainable West Side. Nine primary themes emerged from the community planning process, including:

A welcoming community

“The West Side is a community that draws people from many places together, and fosters connections, learning and friendship between them. The West Side takes cares of its people, with connections and services that address their diverse needs with culturally-appropriate services. The West Side helps new arrivals develop and prosper and find a place within its mosaic. It self-organizes to address its needs, and connects with outside partners as needed to bring additional resources to its efforts.”

A sustainable community

“The West Side is a leader in sustainability and innovation, and can meet its needs in food and energy production. Residents take part in the planting, growing, and harvesting of the food that sustains them; and they run the stores that sell and trade the fruits of their labor. Young people are treated as equal partners in sustaining the vitality of the community. Energy, mobility, and entrepreneurship are important components of the West Side’s sustainability plans.”



Vibrant arts and culture

“On the West Side, artistic activity draws people together to learn about each other and celebrate people-driven art. Spaces for artistic creation and sharing are catalysts for rehabilitation and new vitality for historic structures, commercial districts and economic development. The West Side nurtures and appreciates its artists, and works with them to promote and market the products of their creativity.”

Thriving businesses and economic development

“West Side businesses are engines of prosperity - offering needed goods and services, employment, and convenience to residents and visitors. They are activators of public space, and innovative leaders in green and local business startups. They provide a variety of services to the West Side’s diverse communities, and partner to support the educational, recreational and civic institutions. The West Side offers opportunity and support to striving entrepreneurs, recognizing the vital role they play in creating an economically-sustainable community.”

Strong education and civic engagement

“The West Side is a community that loves and respects its children and young people, and embraces and respects its schools. Schools are partners in sustainability initiatives, fostering learning, appreciation and improvement as they work with the next generation of West Siders. The excellence of its schools, and their approach to connecting with its communities, draws families from far and wide.”

Strong housing

“On the West Side, housing initiatives are integrated with thinking and decision-making about business districts, and mobility and transportation corridors. A wide range of incomes, ages, and family sizes, and cultures call the neighborhood home, and can choose to live anywhere in the community because there are a wide variety of housing tenures and styles available within it.”



Robert Ferguson

Multi-modal mobility and transportation

“The West Side is a walkable community that offers provides multiple options for accessing employment, shopping, and entertainment, both within and outside its boundaries. It is a community that prioritizes sustainable mobility, with connected and well-maintained side-walks and bicycle routes, and high-quality transit options that connect to local and regional destinations. It provides the right amount of parking to serve businesses, residents and visitors, and equalizes all modes so that people walking, bicycling, riding transit or driving can safely and comfortably share it streets.”

Preserved natural spaces and active parks

“The West Side is a community that is surrounded by, and is in nature. The Mississippi River that defines it, and the parks and natural areas that inhabit it, are accessible and open for its residents to visit and enjoy. Its parks and recreation centers enrich the lives of young people and their families as they quietly teach values of respect and appreciation for nature and our place within it.”

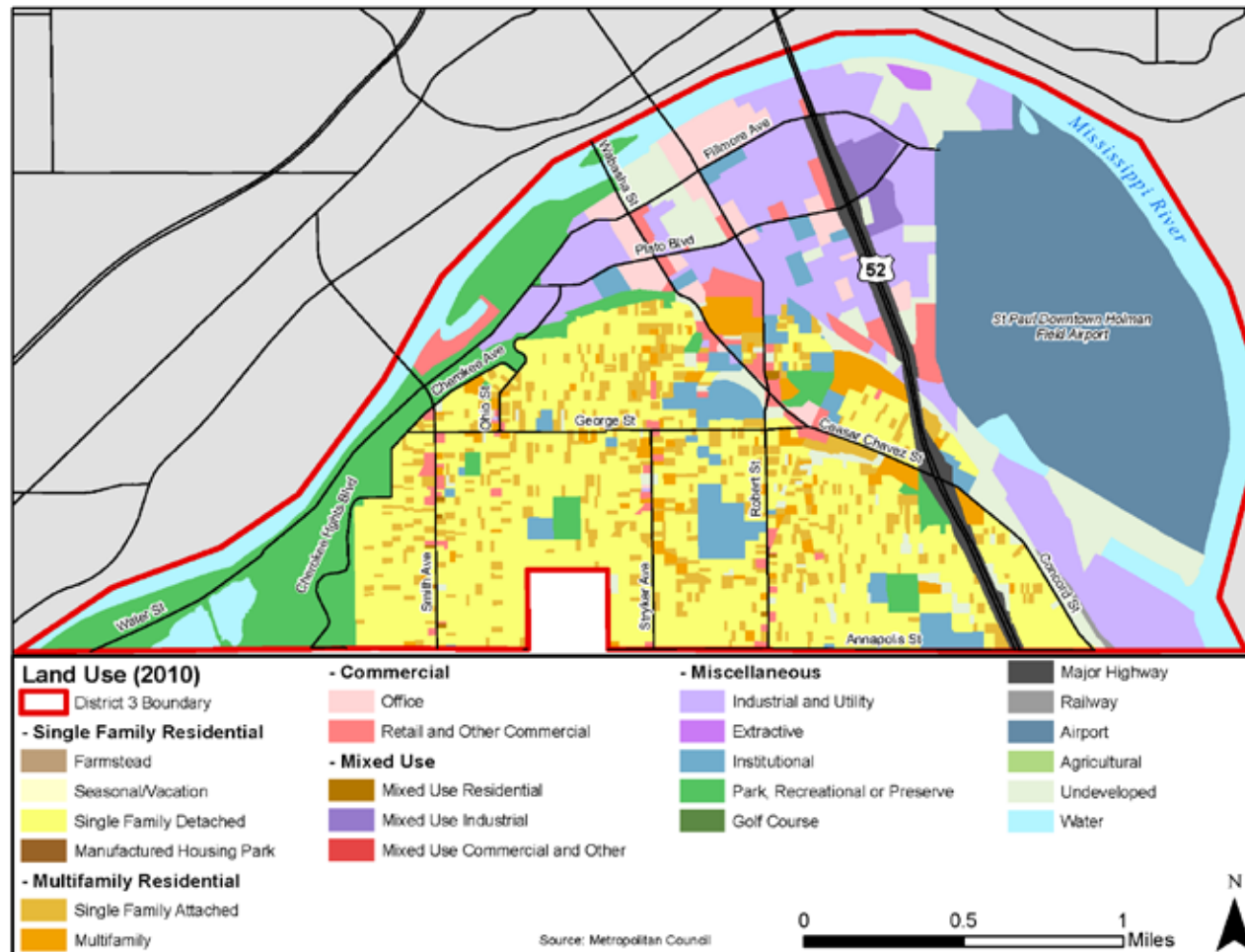
Safe and comfortable community

“The West Side is a safe, friendly and connected community, where neighbors know and help each other, and where people live without suspicion or fear. The police are daily partners in the development of a connected and loving community. Young people have trusted partners and mentors who guide them into productive and connected adulthood.”



Land Use

The West Side has a broad range of land uses, comprised of a mix of housing, commercial, institutional and recreational uses. The neighborhood's industrial land use is located primarily in the north east and south east quadrants adjacent to the Mississippi River. In the south east quadrant, the industrial land use, currently home to the city's impound lot and several metal recycling facilities, generates environmental impacts relating to air, water and soil quality, limits access to the river and is incompatible with the adjacent residential land use. The community's focus will be on ensuring balanced land use that provides opportunities for housing, business, employment, recreation, with an eye towards preserving the environment.





Land Use Cont.

Land Use Objectives and Strategies

LU1. Support land use that balances the housing, commercial, industrial, ecological, agricultural and green space needs of the community.

LU1.1 Conduct a study of the area bounded by Robert Street, Highway 52, Plato Blvd and the river to determine appropriate land use.

LU1.2 Update the existing West Side Flats Master Plan to better address storm water/hydrology and revise land use guidelines.

LU1.3 Develop a plan for the Barge Channel Road area to mitigate the industrial/residential incompatible land use issues and identify mechanisms to reconnect the neighborhood with the river.

LU1.4 Complete an assessment of vacant land and determine appropriate parcels for both temporary and long term urban agricultural use.

LU1.5 Develop a primary access route to South Port Industrial Park at Eaton Street.

LU2. Eliminate contaminated sites to improve the environmental health of the community and promote redevelopment of vacant and underutilized parcels.

LU2.1 Conduct an assessment to determine the extent of soil toxicity in the areas bounded by Wabasha, Water

Street W, Plato Blvd, and County Hwy 40 and Robert St, Film-ore Ave, and Hwy 52 to encourage job and economic growth.

LU2.2 Secure resources to conduct remediation activities.

LU3. Promote development that maintains the traditional urban form and respects the unique topography of the West Side.

LU3.1 Prioritize the reuse and rehabilitation of existing structures over new construction whenever possible.

LU3.2 Protect bluff and river views by limiting building heights and respecting the neighborhood context.



Transportation

With its unique topography, traveling through the West Side can be a challenge, regardless of the mode of transportation. In addition, connections to other parts of the city and access to regional transportation systems is limited due to the neighborhood's physical location and lack of public transit infrastructure. Over the next decade, priority will be given to creating a more connected West Side.

Transportation Objectives and Strategies

T1. Invest in a multi-modal transportation network.

T1.1 Improve bicycle infrastructure by enhancing and improving bicycle amenities such as on-street bike lanes, paved trails and bicycle racks to promote the use of the bicycle as a practical and safe means of transportation on the West Side.

T1.2 Fill gaps in the bicycle trail network on Wabasha Street (between Water and Cesar Chavez) and on Smith Avenue and Stryker Avenue, as recommended in The Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan.

T1.3 Create east-west bicycle routes along George and Annapolis to further integrate the bicycle into the overall transportation network and coordinate with work on the citywide bike plan.

T1.4 Support partnerships to establish a bicycle-sharing program on the West Side. -- Potential partner in Nice Ride Minnesota

T1.5 Improve pedestrian infrastructure, including safety measures such as crosswalk bump-outs, colored/textured crosswalks, streetscape improvements, vegetative buffers and other traffic calming techniques to provide an environment that is conducive to pedestrian mobility.



Cherokee Park by Marina Castillo-Knut



Transportation Cont.

T1.6 Improve Mississippi River access by securing funding and resources for repairing staircases from the bluffs to the river.

T2. Improve the public transportation infrastructure.

T2.1 Explore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Robert Street as identified in the Met Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

T2.2 Develop a northbound Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station and a southbound BRT station at or near the intersection of Robert/Cesar Chavez.

T2.3 Explore options to increase the frequency of bus service on the West Side.

T2.4 Continue support for the West Side youth circulator bus.

T2.5 Explore the implementation of trolley lines by participating in the upcoming citywide streetcar study.

T3 Improve automobile infrastructure so that it takes into account all road users.

T3.1 Ensure that general traffic lanes on Wabasha and Cesar Chavez streets are no wider than 11 feet and the two-way left-turn lane is no wider than 12 feet.

T3.2 Enhance the pedestrian realm along Cesar Chavez between Wabasha and Robert streets by implementing parking limits, widening sidewalks and providing areas for introducing street trees.

T3.3 Encourage owners of parking lots to develop and

implement a shared parking policy for District del Sol

T3.4 Implement traffic calming improvements along Smith Avenue.

T4 Create connections to regional transportation systems.

T4.1 Conduct a community engagement and planning process to outline specific community driven strategies for connections to regional transit system.



Wabasha Street Bridge by Marina Castillo-Knut



Parks and Recreation

The West Side is fortunate to have ample parks and recreational spaces, including Baker, Prospect, Douglas, Castillo, El Rio Vista, Bluff (neighborhood) and Lilydale, Cherokee and Harriet Island (regional). Over the next decade, priority will be placed on strengthening their infrastructure and ensuring improvements align with community values.

Parks and Recreation Objectives and Strategies

PR1 Strengthen and sustain amenities and programming at neighborhood parks and recreation centers.

PR1.1 Work with residents and community stakeholders to develop specific short and long term plans for the Baker Center in order to maintain the Center as community space that serves the needs of all age groups.

PR1.2 Coordinate the planning and design of improvements to El Rio Vista Park and Parque Castillo to create a

seamless park experience.

PR1.3 Provide additional recreation facilities at Parque Castillo, such as a splash pad, band shell, enhanced play area, skate park or community-maintained garden.

PR1.4 Conduct a community design process to identify improvements and plans for Bluff Park.

PR1.5 Prioritize CIB funding and other city funding for neighborhood park improvements, including ball fields at El Rio and Baker

PR1.6 Increase the amount of playground facilities and other recreational amenities near multi-family housing sites in the community.

PR2 Align planned improvements at regional parks with community values.

PR2.1 Develop community process to outline specific implementation strategies for Lilydale Regional Park, Harriet Island and Great River Park Plans.

PR2.2 Assess the potential for increased livability concerns relating to increased use of Harriet Island as an event venue and develop strategies to promote community benefits.



Marina Castillo-Knut



Housing

One of the fundamental building blocks of any community is its housing. On the West Side, this sentiment holds true, with housing options including single family homes, duplexes and both small and large multi-family buildings. From historic properties near the bluffs to modest dwellings along Belvidere Street, the housing stock on the West Side provides options for a wide range of incomes and family types. The plan focuses on providing housing choice, preserving the existing housing stock and creating additional housing opportunities.

Housing Objectives and Strategies

H1. Provide a range of housing options on the West Side.

- H1.1 Develop rental housing options appropriate to a commercial corridor, incorporating a variety of options accessible to all income levels.
- H1.2 Create mixed income housing opportunities per the Stryker George Precinct Plan
- H1.3 Support mixed income rental and ownership opportunities per the West Side Master Flats Plan.
- H1.4 Increase the number of units affordable to people at 30-80% of AMI.

H2. Preserve and improve the existing housing stock.

- H2.1 Conduct an inventory and assessment of vacant residential housing.
- H2.2 Encourage rehabilitation over demolition
- H2.3 Expand grant and loan programs to address deferred maintenance issues.

H2.4 Develop incentives to improve exterior aesthetics, including native landscaping.

H3. Expand access to affordable homeownership

- H3.1 Partner with local housing organizations to provide homebuyer readiness education for current renters.
- H3.2 Explore housing land trust, restrictive covenants and other affordability mechanisms to encourage and preserve affordability.
- H3.3 Provide down payments grants to potential home buyers.
- H3.4 Partner with local housing organizations to provide foreclosure prevention services.



Environment, Natural, and Water Resources

The West Side is rich in natural and ecological assets, boasting several miles of Mississippi riverfront, the bluffs and critical areas for vegetation and wildlife. Preserving and protecting the neighborhood's assets will be the priority over the next decade.

Natural Resources Objectives and Strategies

NR1. Protect and improve the West Side bluffs.

NR1.1 Maintain our commitment to the West Side Bluff Management Action Plan.

NR1.2 Create a natural, sustainable landscape by replacing invasive vegetation with native vegetation in accordance with the West Side Bluff Ecological Inventory & Vegetation Management Plan (GRG 2001).

NR1.3 Provide long-term maintenance of bluff vegetation, especially with respect to re-plantings of native vegetation.

NR1.4 Establish and secure funding for a re-planting strategy prior to removing any vegetation on the bluff.

NR1.5 Improve bluff habitat for local wildlife and migratory birds using the Mississippi River flyway.

NR1.6 Selectively encourage development projects that protect and improve views from the top of the bluffs to downtown and the river.

NR1.7 Ensure that vegetation management and improvements protect the interests, property values, safety and other concerns of property owners and bluff users.

NR1.8 Promote education/interpretation of the bluff and bluff management activities.

NR1.9 Identify potential funding sources for bluff improvement.

NR1.10 Create partnerships between the City, residents, organizations and area businesses to share responsibility for bluff maintenance, management, clean-up and beautification.

NR2. Protect and improve existing natural areas and green spaces.

NR2.1 Implement efforts to eliminate non-native plant species in existing natural areas.

NR2.2 Increase efforts to restore native planting along the river corridor.

NR2.3 Mitigate future damage by promoting only environmentally sensitive recreational activities in natural areas.

NR2.4 Work in partnership with Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, DNR, NPS and others to conduct regular rivers edge clean up and beautification activities.



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NR2.5 Promote educational, community engagement, and interpretive opportunities regarding environmental and natural resource issues.

NR2.6 Develop creative alternatives for river edge treatments.

NR2.7 Prioritize water quality improvements at Pickerel Lake.

NR2.8 Explore the creation of a conservation land trust to preserve natural spaces.

NR2.9 Preserve the prairie and oak savanna remnants along the Cherokee Bluffs.

NR3. Increase access and connections to natural areas.

NR3.1 Identify funding to restore staircases that connect the bluffs to the river.

NR3.2 Rebuild and incorporate the Green Stairs into a broader trail system.

NR3.3 Work with the Parks department to install kayak/canoe launch at the old sea plane basin.

NR3.4 Create trail access at Southport using railroad easements.

NR3.5 Promote urban reforestation and other landscaping efforts along residential and commercial streets.

Water Resources Objectives and Strategies

WR1 Develop a comprehensive water management plan to preserve the ecology of the West Side.

WR1.1 Engage the Lower Mississippi Watershed District (LMWD) to pursue water quality projects on the West Side that reduce point and non point water pollution.

WR1.2 Implement a series of demonstration projects to address storm water management in housing, commercial and park settings.

WR1.3 Address impacts to the bluffs by pursuing improvements to storm water management practices in adjacent residential areas.

WR1.4 Implement educational programs and events to provide information on ways to protect water resources.

Zero Waste Objectives and Strategies

ZW1 Develop a zero waste plan to reinvigorate economy and improve quality of life for West Side residents.

ZW1.1 Engage non profit partners to pursue zero waste programs and projects on the West Side.

ZW1.2 Attract businesses that increase reuse and repair of products within the community.

ZW1.3 Promote and incentivize businesses to provide



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products and services that reduce the volume and toxicity of waste and materials.

ZW1.4 Implement a series of zero waste projects and demonstrations in schools with block clubs.

ZW2 Encourage citywide curbside collection of compost and the creation of a community plan for the distribution of new soil that can be used to benefit the community both economically and environmentally.

ZW2.1 Encourage the city to develop composting collection programs for discarded food and encourage the city to provide at least one drop-off location on the West Side for residents who live in apartments.

ZW2.2 Participate in a city-wide process to identify how and where the new soil from compost collection is used and measured.

ZW3 Encourage and promote zero waste in conjunction with the city of Saint Paul's zero waste 2020 goal.

ZW3.1 Establish a zero waste welcome kit for residents that includes information on how to recycle, reduce, reuse, and compost, to be handed out with recycling bins.

ZW3.2 Provide multilingual educational materials targeted at youth and families to promote in home waste reduction.

ZW3.3 Establish a speaker bureau where experts can

speak about the methods and benefits of reaching zero waste.

Energy Objectives and Strategies

E1. Encourage and promote energy conservation and local renewable energy.

E1.1 Establish an energy welcome kit for residents and hand them out with recycling bin pick ups or at other outreach events.

E1.2 Provide creative educational materials involving youth and family conserving energy in their homes in multiple languages.

E1.3 Establish a speaker bureau where experts can speak about conservation and renewable energy.

E1.4 Initiate block support systems that will assist elderly and the disabled in energy conservation projects.

E1.5 Initiate work share groups to assist interested residents with energy projects.

E1.6 Explore wind turbine or solar energy manufacturing facility on the West Side to employ residents and generate local power.

E1.7 Conduct an assessment of current solar energy use on the West Side.

E1.8 Assess the potential of a solar farm on the flats.



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E1.9 Provide affordable energy-efficient products for residents of all income levels.

E2. Implement programs to create more energy efficient commercial buildings.

E2.1 Explore how vacant commercial buildings can receive energy retrofits before they are used for new businesses or community purposes.

E2.2 Conduct an assessment of the potential for solar energy use on existing buildings on the West Side.

E2.3 Promote existing rebate programs to make businesses more energy efficient.

E3. Explore the creation of a sustainable energy utility (SEU).

E3.1 Conduct research on SEU models and determine appropriateness for neighborhood.

E3.2 Create one-stop site for residents where they can receive information related to purchasing, loans, and rebates on energy efficiency home improvement work, etc.



Historic Preservation

The story of the neighborhood is told through its historic resources, both built and natural. For instance, the bell tower at Torre de San Miguel tells the story of the various immigrant groups who have called the West Side home, with the river telling the story of the indigenous people who inhabited the area before Saint Paul was even a city. To preserve the neighborhood's history, its historic resources must be preserved through careful planning, designation, education and the allocation of resources.

Historic Preservation Objectives and Strategies

HP1. Integrate Preservation Planning into the Broader Public Policy, Land Use Planning, and Decision-Making Processes.

HP1.1 Incorporate preservation considerations into development, land use and environmental reviews.

HP1.2 Prioritize the retention of historic resources over demolition when evaluating planning and development projects that require or request WSCO action, involvement, or funding.

HP1.3 Give equal consideration to projects with preservation factors when formulating Capital Improvement Budget requests.

HP1.4 Partner with the City (Heritage Preservation Commission) and with organizations like Historic Saint Paul and community development corporations to fund and promote preservation initiatives, including surveys to identify historic resources.

HP2. Identify, Evaluate, and Designate Historic Resources.

HP2.1 Implement a new survey to identify and evaluate all types of historic resources on the West Side, including

buildings, structures, objects, bridges, stairs, archaeological sites, districts, and landscapes.

HP2.2 Develop and maintain a database compatible with the SHPO's and the City's GIS and other systems. Enter results from survey work and any other new, relevant information.

HP2.3 Utilize existing historic contexts and develop new ones to allow for the continual identification of a full spectrum of historic resources .

HP2.4 Identify and evaluate historic resources systematically and comprehensively.

HP2.5 Evaluate properties based on historic contexts, reconnaissance surveys, and applicable designation criteria to determine their potential significance as well as their potential eligibility for designation as a heritage preservation site by the City and for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

HP2.6 Forward properties that appear to be potentially eligible for listing on the NHRP to the SHPO for an official determination of eligibility.



Historic Preservation Cont.

HP2.7 Forward significant historic resources to the City (HPC) for designation as heritage preservation sites or historic districts.

HP3. Preserve and Protect Historic Resources.

HP3.1 Use design review controls in conjunction with WSCO committees to protect designated historic resources, including archaeological sites, from destruction or alterations that would compromise their historic significance.

HP3.2 Protect undesignated historic resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for local or national designation.

HP4. Use Preservation to Further Economic Development and Sustainability.

HP4.1 Rehabilitate key historic resources to serve as a catalyst for development in adjacent areas.

HP4.2 Integrate historic properties into new development.

HP4.3 Inform developers of opportunities that are based on preservation.

HP4.4 Invest in historic resources along transit corridors (Smith Avenue, Robert Street, George Street, Wabasha).

HP5. Preserve Areas with Unique Architectural, Urban and Spatial Characteristics.

HP5.1 Determine the character-defining features of each neighborhood that should be preserved; incorporate these features into area plans and master plans for new development.

HP5.2 Increase community awareness about the distinctive features and characteristics of the West Side's neighborhoods.

HP5.3 Explore the creation of neighborhood conservation districts.

HP6. Provide Opportunities for Education and Outreach.

HP6.1 Identify and mark significant historic resources.

HP6.2 Partner with the City and with other organizations to educate property owners and developers on methods and incentives for historic preservation.



Community Economic Development

Reinvigorating the economy of the West Side will require creative thinking and a commitment to blending traditional economic development strategies with community development practices. The focus of community economic development efforts over the next ten years will be on building local resilience through businesses development, local energy, local food and using the arts as an economic driver.

Business Development Objectives and Strategies

B1 Reinvigorate the economy on the West Side through commercial/industrial start ups and business expansion.

BD1.1 Create opportunities for green industry to locate along Barge Channel Road, the West Side Flats and adjacent to Harriet Island.

B1.2 Attract businesses that will increase the diversity of products and neighborhood services available to residents and visitors.

B1.3 Support local residents in developing entrepreneurial business models.

B1.4 Invest resources available through city and state programs to improve the vitality of District del Sol, Smith Avenue and the Stryker/George commercial areas.

B1.5 Encourage a broad range of businesses that cater to local and regional markets.

B1.6 Conduct an economic base/jobs assessment of the West Side.

B1.7 Connect residents to jobs and training opportunities at existing and new businesses.

B1.8 Target job growth centers in the Riverview Industrial Park.

B2. Prioritize redevelopment at opportunity sites along commercial corridors.

B2.1 Develop mixed use projects along Cesar Chavez and Robert Streets to catalyze redevelopment of the District Del Sol commercial node.

B2.2 Develop a design and identify resources to construct a gateway at Smith Avenue and the High Bridge in order to attract new businesses and customers to Smith Avenue.

B2.3 Continue to work with West St. Paul on creating a seamless Smith Ave Corridor from Dodd Road to the High Bridge

Urban Agriculture Objectives and Strategies

UA1. Promote locally grown food to address food security issues on the West Side.

UA1.1 Inform the community about the current state of local food quality, food access, and food distribution.

UA1.2 Educate the community about current policies pertaining to local food agriculture systems.

UA1.3 Increase the number of backyard gardens, com-



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munity gardens, community compost sites, and neighborhood farms on the West Side.

UA1.4 Utilize local assets such as schools, businesses, youth groups, and community centers to develop urban agriculture workshops and initiatives.

UA1.5 Examine the incorporation of an AquaPond/Greenhouse combination in partnership with local schools.

UA 1.6 Encourage youth throughout the West Side to become educated and involved in the growth and production of their food.

UA2. Revise current City policies to address urban agriculture and associated uses.

UA2.1 Explore policies to allow the sale of unprocessed foods at the source.

UA2.2 Explore community food processing models including commercial kitchen uses.

UA2.3 Evaluate current height restrictions for boulevard planting.

UA2.4 Assess permit requirements and processes for greenhouses, aquaculture, beekeeping, hoop houses, animal processing and yard landscaping.

UA3. Incorporate neighborhood food-production systems into current and future Land Use plans.

UA3.1 Partner with food policy makers and other leaders to influence land access and permanency for neighborhood gardens and farms.

UA3.2 Identify potential Community Garden and Urban Farm sites on the West Side.

UA3.3 Encourage affordable housing development to include space for community gardens and promote existing housing to allow community gardens.

UA3.4 Identify existing fruit trees in the neighborhood and support the growth of more fruit trees.

UA3.5 Explore the use of vacant property for agricultural purposed as an interim use until development occurs.

UA4. Promote Community Supported Agriculture, local food co-operatives, and Farmer's Markets.

UA4.1 Conduct a market assessment of the viability of CSA's, Food Co-Ops, and Farmer's Markets on the West Side.

UA4.2 Encourage the purchasing of locally grown foods by residents, businesses, and other neighborhood institutions.

UA4.3 Promote farms-to-school food distribution.

UA4.4 Promote EBT acceptance and purchasing accessibility with Community Supported Agriculture Farms and Farmers Markets.



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UA5. Connect the West Side to regional food systems.

UA5.1 Create partnerships with regional leaders, policy makers, growers, distributors, businesses, and food security activists to plan a regional food system.

UA5.2 Establish new and formalize current bulk purchasing co-operatives and storage sites.

Arts and Culture Objectives and Strategies

AC1. Stimulate excellence in Public Arts and Culture

AC1.1 Enhance the aesthetic environment of public places within the neighborhood through engaging, unique and high quality public artworks.

AC1.2 Develop mechanisms for experienced artists to mentor emerging artists.

AC2. Enhance community identity and place

AC2.1 Build awareness of community history, identity, cultures and geography by using various arts mediums.

AC2.2 Develop artworks that are integrated into neighborhood building projects and are compatible with their settings.

AC2.3 Provide an inventory of the existing public art.

AC3. Utilize the arts to promote community vitality

AC3.1 Promote the West Side as a City recognized art and culture destination.

AC3.2 Build the capacity of and cooperation between artists, community members and community development practitioners.

AC3.3 Use the arts as a tool to encourage civic dialogue about important neighborhood issues.

AC3.4 Explore the development of a mixed use art space that creates retail and programmatic arts focused opportunities.

AC4. Involve a Broad Range of People of Color Communities

AC4.1 Enhance opportunities for all residents and neighborhood organizations to participate in the planning and creation of artworks.

AC4.2 Celebrate the neighborhood's cultural communities by organizing arts and cultural events and programs.

AC4.3 Ensure multiculturalism themes in public art by acknowledging all ethnic groups.

AC5. Value Artists and Artistic Processes

AC5.1 Involve both artists and residents in the concept, design and creation of public artworks.

AC5.2 Develop a mechanism to prioritize public art projects on the West Side.

AC6. Use arts resources wisely

AC6.1 Develop and sustain projects in a cost effective manner and ensure budgets adequately support artists,



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the creative process and ongoing maintenance of the art pieces.

AC6.2 Use funds to leverage private investment in public art and use public art to leverage investments in other neighborhood ventures.

AC6.3 Ensure new public art installations have a sustainable lifespan of 10 years or more by utilizing best practices, professional artists and high quality materials suitable for Minnesota's climate.

AC6.4 Establish an endowment to maintain existing and future public art.



Community Vitality

The neighborhood is a mosaic of people who live, go to school, work and play on the West Side. Providing quality education and enrichment opportunities, as well as ensuring the community remains a welcoming and safe place, is critical to maintaining the excellent quality of life generations of families have come to expect from the West Side.

Youth and Family Objectives and Strategies

YF1. Provide age-appropriate career development and leadership development opportunities for youth.

YF1.1 Encourage local businesses on the West Side to employ youth.

YF1.2 Establish a bike co-op where youth can learn bicycle repair skills.

YF1.3 Promote stronger relationships among seniors and youth by providing intergenerational activities after school and on weekends.

YF1.4 Establish senior home visits where youth can entertain or help with chores.

YF1.5 Create youth leadership programs that engage youth in civic life.

YF2. Increase culturally specific art programs that involve youth and families.

YF2.1 Provide community cultural arts program for youth in the parks, schools and arts studios.

YF3. Work to strengthen and maintain West Side community spaces for youth and family engagement and learning—parks, libraries, community center, youth centers, etc.

YF3.1 Support and improve transportation infrastructure between public spaces in community and places where youth live. Create map walking/biking routes. (promotes active living, youth engagement— Circulator)

YF3.2 Develop classes and programs that bring youth and adults together in same locations to learn and engage in community life.

YF3.3 Support development of strong community schools that support the learning and development of West Side youth (and families).

YF3.4 Develop programs in parks and community centers where youth and families can become more physically active.

YF3.5 Engage West Side adults to volunteer and work with youth in diverse ways including West Side schools, community centers, parks, and other public spaces.

YF3.6 Support Efforts to create dedicated community space for elders



Community Vitality Cont.

Education

E1. Increase community involvement in all West Side schools.

E1.1 Coordinate an Annual Education meeting between all West Side schools PTO's, Site Councils, Educators, Administrators, and Saint Paul Public Schools.

E1.2 Develop a regular stream of communication between all West Side School PTO, Site Councils, and the greater West Side community.

E1.3 Establish a process for students attending West Side Schools to communicate and express their experiences and needs within West Side schools.

E1.4 Utilize Parent Teacher Conferences at West Side Schools to increase participation in Site Councils and PTO's.

E1.5 Promote the strengths and successes of West Side schools by generating a regular media communications stream focused on the positive activities and circulate it throughout the community.

E2. Strengthen and support after school programming on the West Side.

E2.1 Increase awareness of new and existing After School programming on the West Side by improving communication.

E2.2 Create partnerships and regular check-ins with West Side youth to gain a better understanding of student After-School programming needs.

E3. Ensure academic quality

E3.1 Identify community volunteers to share skills, resources, time, and energy within our public schools.

E3.2 Establish a clear and structured pathway for community volunteers to contribute re-sources in West Side Schools.

E3.3 Work closer with the school district to build trust: asking what our community can do to support SSPS efforts to increase academic success.

E3.4 Identify needs and mechanisms to support the academic success of English Language Learners.

E3.5 Evaluate the unique needs of the West Side student population with a focus on cultural inclusivity in learning.

E3.6 Ensure West Side Schools have adequate budget resources by educating the community about the SPPS budget setting process.



Community Vitality Cont.

Safety

S1. Maintain and improve safety in the community through resident engagement.

S1.1 Increase the number of active block clubs in the community, including block clubs at multi-family buildings.

S1.2 Hold regular community building activities at the block level.

S1.3 Work with new immigrant communities to carry out culturally appropriate crime prevention trainings.

S2. Build ongoing relationships between law enforcement, residents and businesses.

S2.1 Develop annual comprehensive crime prevention work plans with community stakeholders in order to create better connections between groups working on crime related issues.



Community Health

The objectives and strategies of this plan's chapters—1) land use, 2) transportation, 3) parks and recreation 4) housing, 5) environment, natural and water resources, 6) historic preservation, 7) community economic development and 8) community vitality—reach for a state of vitality that reflects the preferences and needs of the residents and stakeholders. The process of developing the plan itself- residents meeting with each other and finding out what matters to them- constitutes one strand of health that is being woven into the fabric of the communities future here. The objectives and strategies identified in the chapters all possess the potential for building and strengthening individual and collective health: accessibility to safe transport by foot, bicycle, public transportation; housing that is safe, appealing, and fits into the landscape; an integrated network of historic, natural, economic, and cultural resources that draw residents into healthy interaction with each other; and, local access to services, including locally produced products and health care - are intertwined and reinforcing. It is time for the West Side itself to begin to define what community health means, and to devise local objectives and strategies to bring it into being. To that end, the Plan proposes the following objectives in three phases.

Community Health Objectives and Strategies

CH1. Conduct a resident driven Community Health Assessment.

CH1.1 Measure indicators of a physically and mentally healthy community.

CH1.2 Measure indicators of a economically and environmentally healthy community.

CH1.3 Measure indicators of equal access to health care.

CH1.4 Measure indicators in other areas where community groups see ideals of health.

CH2. Assess areas of health as defined in CH1.

CH2.1 Seek Departments of Health and Public Health data for West Side by groups.

CH2.2 Conduct survey of other indicators not measured by DHS and DPH

CH3. Develop sustainable systems for monitoring West Side health indicators

CH3.1 Infrastructure to educate and monitor health indicators

CH3.2 Develop a community health curriculum for West Side schools and organizations

CH3.3 Develop GIS-based capacity to characterize and monitor West Side Community health

CH3.4 Develop direct interface between residents and public health agencies to monitor indicators of community health identified in CH1.

Implementation

To prioritize the strategies outlined in the plan, a convening of West Side institutional partners and stakeholder was held in March 2012. Feedback from the convening, combined with information gathered through the community planning process was used to identify partners and timelines for implementation. Each strategy was assigned a short, medium or long term ranking. The implementation plan will be used by WSCO, City departments and stakeholders to target and align resources develop annual work plans.

Land Use Strategies			
#	Strategy Summary	Implementing Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
LU1	<i>Support land use that balances the housing, commercial, industrial, ecological, agricultural and green space needs of the community.</i>	--	Ongoing
LU1.1	Conduct a study of the area bounded by Robert Street, Highway 52, Plato Blvd and the river to determine appropriate land use.	PED, Public Works, SPPA, WSCO	Short term
LU1.2	Update the existing West Side Flats Master Plan to better address storm water/hydrology and revise land use guidelines.	PED, WSCO, NeDA	High priority
LU1.3	Develop a plan for the Barge Channel Road area to mitigate the industrial/residential incompatible land use issues and identify mechanisms to reconnect the neighborhood with the river.	SPPA, WSCO	High priority
LU1.4	Complete an assessment of vacant land and determine appropriate parcels for both temporary and long term urban agricultural use.	WSCO, CEED	Short term
LU1.5	Develop a primary access route to South Port Industrial Park at Eaton Street.	WSCO, SPPA	Mid term

Implementation Cont.

Land Use Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
LU2	<i>Eliminate contaminated sites to improve the environmental health of the community and promote redevelopment of vacant and underutilized parcels.</i>	PED, SPPA, WSCO	Ongoing
LU2.1	Conduct an assessment to determine the extent of soil toxicity in the area bounded by Wabasha, Water Street W, Plato Blvd and, County Hwy 40 and Robert St, Filmore Ave, and Hwy 52 to encourage job and economic growth	PED, WSCO, SPPA	Medium priority
LU2.2	Secure resources to conduct remediation activities.	PED, SPPA	Ongoing
LU3	<i>Promote development that maintains the traditional urban form and respects the unique topography of the West Side.</i>	PED, Licensing, WSCO, NeDA	Ongoing
LU3.1	Prioritize the reuse and rehabilitation of existing structures over new construction whenever possible.	PED, Licensing, WSCO	Ongoing
LU3.2	Protect bluff and river views by limiting building heights and respecting the neighborhood context.	PED, WSCO	Ongoing

Transportation Strategies			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
T1	<i>Invest in a multi-modal transportation network.</i>	PED, Met Council, MNDot	High priority
T1.1	Improve bicycle infrastructure by enhancing and improving bicycle amenities such as on-street bike lanes, paved trails and bicycle racks to promote the use of the bicycle as a practical and safe means of transportation on the West Side.	PED, Public Works, WSCO	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Transportation Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
T1.2	Fill gaps in the bicycle trail network on Wabasha Street (between Water and Cesar Chavez) and on Smith Avenue and Stryker Avenue, as recommended in The Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan.	PED, Public Works	Short term
T1.3	Create east-west routes along George and Annapolis to further integrate the bicycle into the overall transportation network and coordinate with work on the citywide bike plan.	PED, Public Works	Medium priority
T1.4	Support partnerships to establish a bicycle-sharing program on the West Side. -- Potential partner in Nice Ride Minnesota.	PED, Public Works, Nice Ride, WSCO	Short term
T1.5	Improve pedestrian infrastructure, including safety measures such as crosswalk bump-outs, colored/textured crosswalks, streetscape improvements, vegetative buffers and other traffic calming techniques to provide an environment that is conducive to pedestrian mobility.	PED, Public Works, WSCO	Medium priority
T1.6	Improve Mississippi River access by securing funding and resources for repairing staircases from the bluffs to the river.	Public Works, WSCO	High priority
T2	<i>Improve the public transportation infrastructure.</i>	MetroTransit, MNDot, WSCO, PED	Ongoing
T2.1	Explore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Robert Street as identified in the Met Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.	Ramsey County, Met Council, WSCO, NeDA	High priority
T2.2	Develop a northbound Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station and a southbound BRT station at or near the intersection of Robert/Cesar Chavez.	Ramsey County, Met Council, WSCO, NeDA	Medium priority
T2.3	Explore options to increase the frequency of bus service on the West Side.	WSCO, Met Council	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Transportation Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
T2.4	Continue support for the West Side youth circulator bus.	WSCO, Youth Serving Organizations	High priority
T2.5	Explore the implementation of trolley lines by participating in the upcoming citywide streetcar study.	Public Works, WSCO	Medium priority
T3	<i>Improve automobile infrastructure so that it takes into account all road users.</i>	--	--
T3.1	Ensure that general traffic lanes on Wabasha and Cesar Chavez streets are no wider than 11 feet and the two-way left-turn lane is no wider than 12 feet.	Public Works	Ongoing
T3.2	Enhance the pedestrian realm along Cesar Chavez between Wabasha and Robert streets by implementing parking limits, widening sidewalks and providing areas for introducing street trees.	NeDA	Mid-term
T3.3	Encourage owners of parking lots to develop and implement a shared parking policy for District del Sol.	NeDA	Mid term
T3.4	Implement traffic calming improvements along Smith Avenue.	WSCO, Public Works, West St. Paul	Mid-term
T4	<i>Create connections to regional transportation systems.</i>		Ongoing
T4.1	Conduct a community engagement and planning process to outline specific community driven strategies for connections to regional transit system.	WSCO, NeDA	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Parks and Recreation Strategies			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
PR1	<i>Strengthen and sustain amenities and programming at neighborhood parks and recreation centers.</i>	--	--
PR1.1	Work with residents and community stakeholders to develop specific short and long term plans for the Baker Center in order to maintain the Center as community space that serves the need of all age groups.	WSCO, Jane Addams	Medium priority
PR1.2	Coordinate the planning and design of improvements to El Rio Vista Park and Parque Castillo to create a seamless park experience.	Neighborhood House, WSCO, Parks & Recreation	High priority
PR1.3	Provide additional recreation facilities at Parque Castillo, such as a splash pad, band shell, enhanced play area, skate park or community-maintained garden.	Parks & Recreation	High priority
PR1.4	Conduct a community design process to identify improvements and plans for Bluff Park.	Parks & Recreation, WSCO	Long term
PR1.5	Prioritize CIB funding and other city funding for neighborhood park improvements, including ball fields at El Rio and Baker	WSCO, Neighborhood House	High priority
PR1.6	Increase the amount of playground facilities and other recreational amenities near multi-family housing sites in the community.	Parks & Recreation	Ongoing
PR2	<i>Align planned improvements at regional parks with community values.</i>	WSCO, Parks & Recreation, PED	Ongoing
PR2.1	Develop community process to outline specific implementation strategies for Lilydale Regional Park, Harriet Island and Great River Park Plans.	WSCO, Parks & Recreation	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Parks and Recreation Strategies Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
PR2.2	Assess the potential for increased livability concerns relating to increased use of Harriet Island as an event venue and develop strategies to promote community benefits.	WSCO, Parks & Recreation	High priority

Housing			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
H1	<i>Provide a range of housing options on the West Side.</i>	--	--
H1.1	Develop rental housing options appropriate to a commercial corridor, incorporating a variety of options accessible to all income levels.	NeDA	Medium priority
H1.2	Create mixed income housing opportunities per the Stryker George Precinct Plan	NeDA	Mid term
H1.3	Support mixed income rental and ownership opportunities per the West Side Master Flats Plan.	NeDA	Medium priority
H1.4	Increase the number of units affordable to people at 30-80% of AMI.	NeDA	Medium priority
H2	<i>Preserve and improve the existing housing stock.</i>	--	--
H2.1	Conduct an inventory and assessment of vacant residential housing.	NeDA, WSCO	Short term
H2.2	Encourage rehabilitation over demolition	WSCO, PED, NeDA	Ongoing
H2.3	Expand grant and loan programs to address deferred maintenance issues.	NeDA, CNHS	Ongoing
H2.4	Develop incentives to improve exterior aesthetics, including native landscaping.	PED, LMWD	Medium priority

Implementation Cont.

Housing Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
H3	<i>Expand access to affordable homeownership</i>	--	--
H3.1	Partner with local housing organizations to provide home-buyer readiness education for current renters.	NeDA, CNHS, Neighborhood House	Ongoing
H3.2	Explore housing land trust, restrictive covenants and other affordability mechanisms to encourage and preserve affordability.	Rondo Community Land Trust, NeDA	Medium priority
H3.3	Provide down payments grants to potential home buyers.	PED	Medium priority
H3.4	Partner with local housing organizations to provide foreclosure prevention services.	NeDA, CNHS	On going

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources - Natural Resources			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
NR1	<i>Protect and improve the West Side bluffs.</i>	WSCO	Ongoing
NR1.1	Maintain our commitment to the West Side Bluff Management Action Plan.	WSCO, West Side Bluffs Taskforce, City	High priority
NR1.2	Create a natural, sustainable landscape by replacing invasive vegetation with native vegetation in accordance with the West Side Bluff Ecological Inventory & Vegetation Management Plan (GRG 2001).	GRG, WSCO	High priority
NR1.3	Provide long-term maintenance of bluff vegetation, especially with respect to re-plantings of native vegetation.	West Side Bluffs Taskforce, City	Ongoing
NR1.4	Establish and secure funding for a re-planting strategy prior to removing any vegetation on the bluff.	Parks, DNR, GRG, West Side Bluffs Taskforce	Medium priority
NR1.5	Improve bluff habitat for local wildlife and migratory birds using the Mississippi River flyway.	Parks, DNR, GRG, West Side Bluffs Taskforce	Mid-term

Implementation Cont.

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources - Natural Resources Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
NR1.6	Selectively encourage development projects that protect and improve views from the top of the bluffs to down-town and the river.	City	Ongoing
NR1.7	Ensure that vegetation management and improvements protect the interests, property values, safety and other concerns of property owners and bluff users.	City	Ongoing
NR1.8	Promote education/interpretation of the bluff and bluff management activities.	West Side Bluffs Taskforce	Medium priority
NR1.9	Identify potential funding sources for bluff improvement.	WSCO, GRG, DNR	Mid-term
NR1.10	Create partnerships between the City, residents, organizations and area businesses to share responsibility for bluff maintenance, management, clean-up and beautification.	WSCO, NeDA	Ongoing
NR2	<i>Protect and improve existing natural areas and green spaces.</i>	--	--
NR2.1	Implement efforts to eliminate non-native plant species in existing natural areas.	DNR, WSCO	Mid-term
NR2.2	Increase efforts to restore native planting along the river corridor.	GRG	Mid-term
NR2.3	Mitigate future damage by promoting only environmentally sensitive recreational activities in natural areas.	WSCO, Parks	Ongoing
NR2.4	Work in partnership with Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, DNR, NPS and others to conduct regular rivers edge clean up and beautification activities.	WSCO	Ongoing
NR2.5	Promote educational, community engagement, and interpretive opportunities regarding environmental and natural resource issues.	WSCO, Ce Tempoxcali	Medium priority

Implementation Cont.

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
NR2.6	Develop creative alternatives for river edge treatments.	SPPA, WSCO, PED	Mid term
NR2.7	Prioritize water quality improvements at Pickerel Lake.	Parks	High priority
NR2.8	Explore the creation of a conservation land trust to preserve natural spaces.	WSCO	Long term
NR2.9	Preserve the prairie and oak savanna remnants along the Cherokee Bluffs.	GRG, Parks	High priority
NR3	<i>Increase access and connections to natural areas.</i>	--	--
NR3.1	Identify funding to restore staircases that connect the bluffs to the river.	WSCO, Public Works	High priority
NR3.2	Rebuild and incorporate the Green Stairs into a broader trail system.	Public Works, WSCO	High priority
NR3.3	Work with the Parks department to install kayak/canoe launch at the old sea plane basin.	Parks	Medium priority
NR3.4	Create trail access at Southport using railroad easements.	SPPA, Public Works	High priority
NR3.5	Promote urban reforestation and other landscaping efforts along residential and commercial streets.	U.S. Forest Service	Medium priority

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources - Water Resources			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
WR1	<i>Develop a comprehensive water management plan to preserve the ecology of the West Side.</i>	--	--
WR1.1	Engage the Lower Mississippi Watershed District (LMWD) to pursue water quality projects on the West Side that reduce point and non point water pollution.	WSCO, NeDA, Ce Te-moxcali	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources - Water Resources Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
WR1.2	Implement a series of demonstration projects to address storm water management in housing, commercial and park settings.	WSCO, NeDA, Ce Tempoxcali	Medium priority
WR1.3	Address impacts to the bluffs by pursuing improvements to storm water management practices in adjacent residential areas.	WSCO, PED	Ongoing

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources - Zero Waste			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
ZW1	<i>Develop a zero waste plan to reinvigorate economy and improve quality of life for West Side residents.</i>	--	--
ZW1.1	Engage non profit partners to pursue zero waste programs and projects on the West Side.	Eureka, WSCO	Short term
ZW1.2	Attract businesses that increase reuse and repair of products within the community.	Eureka, WSCO	Short term
ZW1.3	Promote and incentivize businesses to provide products and services that reduce the volume and toxicity of waste and materials.	Eureka, WSCO	Short term
ZW1.4	Implement a series of zero waste projects and demonstrations in schools with block clubs.	Eureka, WSCO	Short term
ZW2	<i>Encourage citywide curbside collection of compost and the creation of a community plan for the distribution of new soil that can be used to benefit the community both economically and environmentally.</i>	--	--

Implementation Cont.

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources - Zero Waste Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
ZW2.1	Encourage the city to develop composting collection programs for discarded food and encourage the city to provide at least one drop-off location on the West Side for residents who live in apartments.	Eureka, WSCO	Short term
ZW2.2	Participate in a city-wide process to identify how and where the new soil from compost collection is used and measured.	Eureka, WSCO	Mid term
ZW3	<i>Encourage and promote zero waste in conjunction with the city of Saint Paul's zero waste 2020 goal.</i>	--	--
ZW3.1	Establish a zero waste welcome kit for residents that includes information on how to recycle, reduce, reuse, and compost, to be handed out with recycling bins.	Eureka, WSCO	Short term
ZW3.2	Provide multilingual educational materials targeted at youth and families to promote in home waste reduction.	Eureka, WSCO	Mid term
ZW3.3	Establish a speaker bureau where experts can speak about the methods and benefits of reaching zero waste.	Eureka, WSCO	Mid term

Environment, Water, and Natural Resources - Energy			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
E1	<i>Encourage and promote energy conservation and local renewable energy.</i>	--	--
E1.1	Establish an energy welcome kit for residents and hand them out with recycling bin pick ups or at other outreach events.	WSCO, NeDA, NEC	High priority, short term

Implementation Cont.

Environment, Natural, and Water Resources - Energy Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
E1.2	Provide creative educational materials involving youth and family conserving energy in their homes in multiple languages.	WSCO, NEC, NeDA	High priority
E1.3	Establish a speaker bureau where experts can speak about conservation and renewable energy.	WSCO	Long term
E1.4	Initiate block support systems that will assist elderly and the disabled in energy conservation projects.	WSCO	Mid term
E1.5	Initiate work share groups to assist interested residents with energy projects.	WSCO	Long term
E1.6	Explore wind turbine or solar energy manufacturing facility on the West Side to employ residents and generate local power.	WSCO	Long term
E1.7	Conduct an assessment of current solar energy use on the West Side.	WSCO, CEED	Short term
E1.8	Assess the potential of a solar farm on the flats.	WSCO	Long term
E1.9	Provide affordable energy-efficient products for residents of all income levels.	WSCO, NEC, Xcel	High priority
E2	<i>Implement programs to create more energy efficient commercial buildings.</i>	--	--
E2.1	Explore how vacant commercial buildings can receive energy retrofits before they are used for new businesses or community purposes.	PED, NeDA	Medium priority
E2.2	Conduct an assessment of the potential for solar energy use on existing buildings on the West Side.	WSCO, CEED	Medium priority

Implementation Cont.

Environment, Natural, and Water Resources - Energy Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
E2.3	Promote existing rebate programs to make businesses more energy efficient.	NeDA	High priority
E3	<i>Explore the creation of a sustainable energy utility (SEU).</i>	--	--
E3.1	Conduct research on SEU models and determine appropriateness for neighborhood.	WSCO	Mid term
E3.2	Create one-stop site for residents where they can receive information related to purchasing, loans, and rebates on energy efficiency home improvement work, etc.	WSCO, NeDA	Mid term

Implementation Cont.

Historic Preservation			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
HP1	<i>Integrate Preservation Planning into the Broader Public Policy, Land Use Planning, and Decision-Making Processes.</i>	--	Ongoing
HP1.1	Incorporate preservation considerations into development, land use and environmental reviews.	WSCO	Ongoing
HP1.2	Prioritize the retention of historic resources over demolition when evaluating planning and development projects that require or request WSCO action, involvement, or funding.	WSCO	Ongoing
HP1.3	Give equal consideration to projects with preservation factors when formulating Capital Improvement Budget requests.	WSCO	Ongoing
HP1.4	Partner with the City (Heritage Preservation Commission) and with organizations like Historic Saint Paul and community development corporations to fund and promote preservation initiatives, including surveys to identify historic resources.	WSCO, HSP, HPC	Medium priority
HP2	<i>Identify, Evaluate, and Designate Historic Resources.</i>	--	--
HP2.1	Implement a new survey to identify and evaluate all types of historic resources on the West Side, including buildings, structures, objects, bridges, stairs, archaeological sites, districts, and landscapes.	HPC	Long term
HP2.2	Develop and maintain a database compatible with the SHPO's and the City's GIS and other systems. Enter results from survey work and any other new, relevant information.	HPC	Long term

Implementation Cont.

Historic Preservation Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
HP2.3	Utilize existing historic contexts and develop new ones to allow for the continual identification of a full spectrum of historic resources.	HPC, WSCO	Ongoing
HP2.4	Identify and evaluate historic resources systematically and comprehensively.	HPC	Ongoing
HP2.5	Evaluate properties based on historic contexts, reconnaissance surveys, and applicable designation criteria to determine their potential significance as well as their potential eligibility for designation as a heritage preservation site by the City and for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.	HPC	Ongoing
HP2.6	Forward properties that appear to be potentially eligible for listing on the NHRP to the SHPO for an official determination of eligibility.	WSCO	Ongoing
HP2.7	Forward significant historic resources to the City (HPC) for designation as heritage preservation sites or historic districts.	WSCO	Ongoing
HP3	<i>Preserve and Protect Historic Resources.</i>	--	--
HP3.1	Use design review controls in conjunction with WSCO committees to protect designated historic resources, including archaeological sites, from destruction or alterations that would compromise their historic significance.	WSCO, HPC	Ongoing
HP3.2	Protect undesignated historic resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for local or national designation.	HPC	Ongoing

Implementation Cont.

Historic Preservation Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
HP4	<i>Use Preservation to Further Economic Development and Sustainability.</i>	--	ongoing
HP4.1	Rehabilitate key historic resources to serve as a catalyst for development in adjacent areas.	HPC, HSP	Medium priority
HP4.2	Integrate historic properties into new development.	HPC, PED, WSCO	Ongoing
HP4.3	Inform developers of opportunities that are based on preservation.	HPC	Ongoing
HP4.4	Invest in historic resources along transit corridors (Smith Avenue, Robert Street, George Street, Wabasha).	PED, WSCO, NeDA	Medium priority
HP5	<i>Preserve Areas with Unique Architectural, Urban and Spatial Characteristics.</i>	--	--
HP5.1	Determine the character-defining features of each neighborhood that should be preserved; incorporate these features into area plans and master plans for new development.	HPC	Ongoing
HP5.2	Increase community awareness about the distinctive features and characteristics of the West Side's neighborhoods.	WSCO, HPC	Ongoing
HP5.3	Explore the creation of neighborhood conservation districts.	HPC	Long term
HP6	<i>Provide Opportunities for Education and Outreach.</i>	--	--
HP6.1	Identify and mark significant historic resources.	MN Historical Society, HPC	Medium priority
HP6.2	Partner with the City and with other organizations to educate property owners and developers on methods and incentives for historic preservation.	HSP, NeDA, HPC	Medium priority

Implementation Cont.

Community Economic Development - Business			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
B1	<i>Reinvigorate the economy on the West Side through commercial/industrial start ups and business expansion.</i>	--	Ongoing
B1.1	Create opportunities for green industry to locate along Barge Channel Road, the West Side Flats and adjacent to Harriet Island.	SPPA, NeDA, WSCO, PED	Medium priority
B1.2	Attract businesses that will increase the diversity of products and neighborhood services available to residents and visitors.	WSCO, NeDA	Ongoing
B1.3	Support local residents in developing entrepreneurial business models.	NeDA	High priority
B1.4	Invest resources available through city and state programs to improve the vitality of District del Sol, Smith Avenue and the Stryker/George commercial areas.	NeDA	High priority
B1.5	Encourage a broad range of businesses that cater to local and regional markets.	NeDA, WSCO	High priority
B1.6	Connect residents to jobs and training opportunities at existing and new businesses.	WSCO, NeDA	High priority
B1.7	Target job growth centers in the Riverview Industrial Park	WSCO, PED, SPPA	Medium priority
B2	<i>Prioritize redevelopment at opportunity sites along commercial corridors.</i>	--	--
B2.1	Develop mixed use projects along Cesar Chavez and Robert Streets to catalyze redevelopment of the District Del Sol commercial node.	NeDA, WSCO	High priority
B2.2	Develop a design and identify resources to construct a gateway at Smith Avenue and the High Bridge in order to attract new businesses and customers to Smith Avenue.	WSCO, NeDA, PED	Mid term

Implementation Cont.

Community Economic Development - Business			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
B2.3	Continue to work with West St. Paul on creating a seamless Smith Ave Corridor from Dodd Road to the High Bridge.	WSCO, NeDA, City	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Community Economic Development - Urban Agriculture			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
UA1	<i>Promote locally grown food to address food security issues on the West Side.</i>	--	--
UA1.1	Inform the community about the current state of local food quality, food access, and food distribution.	WSCO, YFMP	Ongoing
UA1.2	Educate the community about current policies pertaining to local food agriculture systems.	WSCO, YFMP	Ongoing
UA1.3	Increase the number of backyard gardens, community gardens, community compost sites, and neighborhood farms on the West Side.	WSCO, Neighborhood House	High priority
UA1.4	Utilize local assets such as schools, businesses, youth groups, and community centers to develop urban agriculture workshops and initiatives.	WSCO, YFMP, River's Edge Academy	Ongoing
UA1.5	Examine the incorporation of an AquaPond/Greenhouse combination in partnership with local schools.	Humboldt, YFMP	Long term
UA1.6	Encourage youth throughout the West Side to become educated and involved in the growth and production of their food.	WSCO, YFMP, River's Edge Academy	Ongoing
UA2	<i>Revise current City policies to address urban agriculture and associated uses.</i>	--	--
UA2.1	Explore policies to allow the sale of unprocessed foods at the source.	PED, WSCO	Short term
UA2.2	Explore community food processing models including commercial kitchen uses.	WSCO, Neighborhood House	Long term
UA2.3	Evaluate current height restrictions for boulevard planting.	PED	Short term

Implementation Cont.

Community Economic Development - Urban Agriculture Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
UA2.4	Assess permit requirements and processes for green-houses, aquaculture, beekeeping, hoop houses, animal processing and yard landscaping.	PED, WSCO	Short term
UA3	<i>Incorporate neighborhood food-production systems into current and future Land Use plans.</i>	--	--
UA3.1	Partner with food policy makers and other leaders to influence land access and permanency for neighborhood gardens and farms.	WSCO	Mid term
UA3.2	Identify potential Community Garden and Urban Farm sites on the West Side.	WSCO, YFMP, Neighborhood House	Short term
UA3.3	Encourage affordable housing development to include space for community gardens and promote existing housing to allow community gardens.	WSCO, NeDA	Ongoing
UA3.4	Identify existing fruit trees in the neighborhood and support the growth of more fruit trees.	WSCO	Long term
UA3.5	Explore the use of vacant property for agricultural purposes as an interim use until development occurs.	WSCO, NeDA, PED	High priority
UA4	<i>Promote Community Supported Agriculture, local food co-operatives, and Farmer's Markets.</i>	--	--
UA4.1	Conduct a market assessment of the viability of CSA's, Food Co-Ops, and Farmer's Markets on the West Side.	WSCO	Mid term
UA4.2	Encourage the purchasing of locally grown foods by residents, businesses, and other neighborhood institutions.	NeDA, YFMP, WSCO, River's Edge Academy	Ongoing
UA4.3	Promote farms-to-school food distribution.	YFMP	Ongoing
UA4.4	Promote EBT acceptance and purchasing accessibility with Community Supported Agriculture Farms and Farmers Markets.	WSCO, YFMP, Neighborhood House	Ongoing

Implementation Cont.

Community Economic Development - Urban Agriculture Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
UA5	<i>Connect the West Side to regional food systems.</i>	--	--
UA5.1	Create partnerships with regional leaders, policy makers, growers, distributors, businesses, and food security activists to plan a regional food system.	WSCO, Neighborhood House	Medium priority
UA5.2	Establish new and formalize current bulk purchasing co-operatives and storage sites.	WSCO	Long term

Community Economic Development - Arts and Culture			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
AC1	<i>Stimulate excellence in Public Arts and Culture</i>		
AC1.1	Enhance the aesthetic environment of public places within the neighborhood through engaging, unique and high quality public artworks.	WSCO	High priority
AC1.2	Develop mechanisms for experienced artists to mentor emerging artists.	Springboard	Ongoing
AC2	<i>Enhance community identity and place</i>	--	--
AC2.1	Build awareness of community history, identity, cultures and geography by using various arts mediums.	WSCO	Ongoing
AC2.2	Develop artworks that are integrated into neighborhood building projects and are compatible with their settings.	WSCO, NeDA	High priority
AC2.3	Provide an inventory of the existing public art.	WSCO	Short term

Implementation Cont.

Community Economic Development - Arts and Culture Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
AC3	<i>Utilize the arts to promote community vitality</i>	--	--
AC3.1	Promote the West Side as a City recognized art and culture destination.	WSCO, NeDA, Neighborhood House	High priority
AC3.2	Build the capacity of and cooperation between artists, community members and community development practitioners.	WSCO, NeDA, Artists	High priority
AC3.3	Use the arts as a tool to encourage civic dialogue about important neighborhood issues.	WSCO	High priority
AC3.4	Explore the development of a mixed use art space that creates retail and programmatic arts focused opportunities.	NeDA, WSCO, resident leaders	Mid term
AC4	<i>Involve a Broad Range of People of Color Communities</i>	--	--
AC4.1	Enhance opportunities for all residents and neighborhood organizations to participate in the planning and creation of artworks.	WSCO	High priority
AC4.2	Celebrate the neighborhood's cultural communities by organizing arts and cultural events and programs.	WSCO, Neighborhood House	High priority, ongoing
AC4.3	Ensure multiculturalism themes in public art by acknowledging all ethnic groups.	WSCO	
AC5	<i>Value Artists and Artistic Processes</i>	--	--
AC5.1	Involve both artists and residents in the concept, design and creation of public artworks.	WSCO, NeDA	Ongoing
AC5.2	Develop a mechanism to prioritize public art projects on the West Side.	WSCO	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Community Economic Development - Arts and Culture Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
AC6	<i>Use arts resources wisely</i>	--	--
AC6.1	Develop and sustain projects in a cost effective manner and ensure budgets adequately support artists, the creative process and ongoing maintenance of the art pieces.	WSCO, Artists	Ongoing
AC6.2	Use funds to leverage private investment in public art and use public art to leverage investments in other neighborhood ventures.	WSCO, NeDA	Ongoing
AC6.3	Ensure new public art installations have a sustainable lifespan of 10 years or more by utilizing best practices, professional artists and high quality materials suitable for Minnesota's climate.	WSCO	Ongoing
AC6.4	Establish an endowment to maintain existing and future public art.	WSCO	Long term

Community Vitality - Youth and Family			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
YF1	<i>Provide age-appropriate career development and leadership development opportunities for youth.</i>	--	--
YF1.1	Encourage local businesses on the West Side to employ youth.	WSCO, YFMP, NeDA, Jane Addams, Center for Democracy & Citizenship, Neighborhood House	Ongoing
Y1.2	Establish a bike co-op where youth can learn bicycle repair skills.	NeDA, YFMP, River's Edge Academy	Medium priority

Implementation Cont.

Community Vitality - Youth and Family Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
YF1.3	Promote stronger relationships among seniors and youth by providing intergenerational activities after school and on weekends.	Cerenity, Schools	Ongoing
YF1.4	Establish senior home visits where youth can entertain or help with chores.	Cerenity	Mid term
YF1.5	Create youth leadership programs that engage youth in civic life.	WSCO, Neighborhood House, YFMP, REA	High priority
YF2	<i>Increase culturally specific art programs that involve youth and families.</i>	--	--
YF2.1	Provide community cultural arts program for youth in the parks, schools and arts studios.	WSCO, YFMP	Mid term
YF3	<i>Work to strengthen and maintain West Side community spaces for youth and family engagement and learning—parks, libraries, community center, youth centers, etc.</i>		--
YF3.1	Support and improve transportation infrastructure between public spaces in community and places where youth live. Create map walking/biking routes. (promotes active living, youth engagement— Circulator)	YFMP, Jane Addams, WSCO, REA	High priority, short term
YF3.2	Develop classes and programs that bring youth and adults together in same locations to learn and engage in community life.	YFMP, Jane Addams, REA	Medium priority
YF3.3	Support development of strong community schools that support the learning and development of West Side youth (and families).	Jane Addams, WSCO, REA	High priority, short term

Implementation Cont.

Community Vitality - Youth and Family Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
YF3.4	Develop programs in parks and community centers where youth and families can become more physically active.	Parks, YFMP, Neighborhood House	Ongoing
YF3.5	Engage West Side adults to volunteer and work with youth in diverse ways including West Side schools, community centers, parks, and other public spaces.	Neighborhood House, YFMP, REA	Ongoing
YF3.6	Support efforts to create dedicated community space for elders.	Cerenity	Medium priority

Community Vitality - Education			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
<i>E1</i>	<i>Increase community involvement in all West Side schools.</i>	--	--
E1.1	Coordinate an Annual Education meeting between all West Side schools PTO's, Site Councils, Educators, Administrators, and Saint Paul Public Schools.	WSCO	Medium priority
E1.2	Develop a regular stream of communication between all West Side School PTO, Site Councils, and the greater West Side community.	Schools, PTO's, REA	Medium priority
E1.3	Establish a process for students attending West Side Schools to communicate and express their experiences and needs within West Side schools.	Schools, PTO's, REA	High priority
E1.4	Utilize Parent Teacher Conferences at West Side Schools to increase participation in Site Councils and PTO's.	Schools, PTO's	Ongoing

Implementation Cont.

Community Vitality - Education Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
E1.5	Promote the strengths and successes of West Side schools by generating a regular media communications stream focused on the positive activities and circulate it throughout the community.	Schools, PTO's, REA	Medium priority
E2	<i>Strengthen and support after school programming on the West Side.</i>		
E2.1	Increase awareness of new and existing After School programming on the West Side by improving communication.	YFMP, West Side Connect, Neighborhood House	Ongoing
E2.2	Create partnerships and regular check-ins with West Side youth to gain a better understanding of student After-School programming needs.	West Side Connect, Neighborhood House, REA	Ongoing
E3	<i>Ensure academic quality</i>	--	--
E3.1	Identify community volunteers to share skills, resources, time, and energy within our public schools.	YFMP, SPPS, REA	High priority
E3.2	Establish a clear and structured pathway for community volunteers to contribute re-sources in West Side Schools.	SPPS, REA	High priority
E3.3	Work closer with the school district to build trust: asking what our community can do to support SPPS efforts to increase academic success.	PTO's	High priority
E3.4	Identify needs and mechanisms to support the academic success of English Language Learners.	SPPS	Medium priority
E3.5	Evaluate the unique needs of the West Side student population with a focus on cultural inclusivity in learning.	SPPS	Medium priority
E3.6	Ensure West Side Schools have adequate budget resources by educating the community about the SPPS budget setting process.	PTO's, WSCO	High priority

Implementation Cont.

Community Vitality - Safety			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
S1	<i>Maintain and improve safety in the community through resident engagement.</i>	--	Ongoing
S1.1	Increase the number of active block clubs in the community, including block clubs at multi-family buildings.	WSCO, West Side Safe	High priority
S1.2	Hold regular community building activities at the block level.	WSCO	High priority
S1.3	Work with new immigrant communities to carry out culturally appropriate crime prevention trainings.	WSCO	High priority
S2	<i>Build ongoing relationships between law enforcement, residents and businesses.</i>	--	--
S2.1	Develop annual comprehensive crime prevention work plans with community stakeholders in order to create better connections between groups working on crime related issues.	WSCO, Neighborhood House	High priority

Community Health			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
CH1	<i>Conduct a resident driven Community Health Assessment.</i>	--	Short term
CH1.1	Measure indicators of a physically and mentally healthy community.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Short term
CH1.2	Measure indicators of an economically and environmentally healthy community.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Short term

Implementation Cont.

Community Health Cont.			
#	Strategy Summary	Responsible Parties	Time Frame or Community Priority for Implementation
CH1.3	Measure indicators of equal access to health care.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Short term
CH1.4	Measure indicators in other areas where community groups see ideals of health.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Short term
CH2	<i>Assess areas of health as defined in CH1.</i>	--	Mid term
CH2.1	Seek Departments of Health and Public Health data for West Side groups.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Mid term
CH2.2	Conduct survey of other indicators not measured by DHS and DPH.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Mid term
CH3	<i>Develop sustainable systems for monitoring West Side health indicators.</i>	--	Long term
CH3.1	Infrastructure to educate and monitor health indicators.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Long term
CH3.2	Develop a community health curriculum for West Side schools and organizations.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Long term
CH3.3	Develop GIS-based capacity to characterize and monitor West Side Community health.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Long term
CH3.4	Develop direct interface between residents and public health agencies to monitor indicators of community health identified in CH1.	La Clinica, Health Providers, Residents, WSCO	Long term

Appendix 1 - Trends and Discrepancies: A Synthesis of West Side Saint Paul Planning Documents

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1. Introduction

The West Side Citizens Organization (WSCO) is beginning the task of creating a new 10-year comprehensive plan for District 3 in Saint Paul. To ensure the current planning process aligns with past planning efforts, WSCO has requested a synthesis of existing plans relevant to the West Side. This document serves two distinct yet equally important purposes. First this document is meant to act as an informative tool for the creation and development of the West Side Saint Paul plan and planning process. A total of thirteen plans have been identified as relevant to the West Side and a brief summation of these plans is provided.

Second, this document is a summary of identified themes and discrepancies found in the planning documents relevant to the West Side. The current planning effort will focus on twelve key aspects of community life on the West Side:

- Housing
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Natural Resources and the Environment
- Historic Preservation
- Public Realm and Community Spaces
- Arts and Culture
- Economic Development
- Education
- Civic Engagement and Community Development
- Community Health
- Youth and Family Development

A detailed matrix outlining the relevant information stated in each of the reviewed planning document as it relates to the previously mentioned planning categories accompanies this document. The planning document matrix is used to identify planning and community issues that are of particular importance to the West Side and to identify discrepancies

among policy recommendations. Discrepancies are determined based upon compliance with the recently completed *Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan (2010)*. Recommendations for reconciling the identified discrepancies are provided in section four of this document.

The thirteen reviewed planning documents range in scope from small area plans to plans applicable to the entire Metropolitan area or larger regional geographic areas. The scope of the planning documents affects the level of detailed information included in this document. Small area plans directly relevant to the West Side were examined in great detail, whereas planning documents addressing larger geographic areas were examined for broad principles and any direct mention of policies or recommendations specific to the West Side of Saint Paul.

The dates of publication of the planning documents vary and encompass a time frame from 1997 to projects that are currently being developed. Elements of plans currently under development are included based upon the best existing information. As plans become complete, additional review will be needed to fully incorporate current planning efforts into new West Side planning process.

The following pages provide a brief description of the reviewed planning documents and highlights general trends within the twelve planning categories. Identification of discrepancies in policy recommendations amongst the planning documents are followed by recommendations for reconciliation.

2. Description of Planning Documents

Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan (2010) (from here forward referred to as *The Comprehensive Plan*) acts as a blueprint for growth in the City of St. Paul. This document focuses on positioning Saint Paul to adapt to future changes while maintaining a focus on the history of the city. The overarching theme of this document is based upon sustainability principles which require the balancing of environmental, economic and equity concerns. The plan is divided into seven different sections, each of which act as a separate planning document including: land use, housing, historic preservation, parks and recreation, transportation, water resource management and implementation.

*Mississippi Critical Rule Making Plan (*mandatory deadline for submission has passed*)* is an ongoing process aimed at developing a set of rules and standards for the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area, a 72 mile long stretch of the river that includes the West Side riverfront. The rulemaking process is focused on protecting and preserving the Critical Area, preventing and mitigating irreversible damage, preserving and enhancing its natural, aesthetic, cultural, and historical value for public use, protecting and preserving the river as an essential element of the transportation, sewer and water and recreational systems and protecting and preserving the biological and ecological functions of the corridor. Specific standards will be created for building dimensions, bluffs and steep slopes, water quality, vegetation, land uses, facilities and subdivision and planned unit developments.

Great River Parks Master Plan (Current) is developing a framework in which the Great River Park vision of a more

natural, more urban and more connected riverfront can be realized along the Mississippi riverfront of Saint Paul. This document is an update to the Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework. Through sustainable parks, economic development and ecologic restoration this plan sets the stage for reconnecting the people and neighborhoods of Saint Paul to the Mississippi River.

Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan (Current) is a collaborative planning effort aimed at connecting West Saint Paul to Saint Paul in a cohesive and united manner. This plan provides objectives and strategies for the economic, environmental and physical evolution of Smith Avenue in both municipalities and acts as a guide for decision makers throughout this process.

Met Council Transportation Policy Plan (2010) sets forth policies and plans to direct the growth of the transportation system in the Metropolitan Council jurisdiction. This long-range plan addresses issues and concerns a growing population will pose to the mobility of the transportation network and develops strategies that improve upon the current transportation system while focusing on future expansion.

District Del Sol Zoning Study (2010) aims to bring zoning in the three commercial corridors of Wabasha, Cesar Chavez and Robert streets, into compliance with neighborhood plans affecting the area as well as the overall vision of District Del Sol.

Cherokee Regional Park Trail Plan identifies a trail alignment for a 1.3 mile trail through Cherokee Regional Park that acts as an important connection for West Side residents and downtown

Saint Paul with the added benefit of connecting the West Side community to regional trail amenities.

Lilydale Regional Park Plan (2009) addresses the requirements set forth by the Metropolitan Council in order to position the City of Saint Paul to receive funding for plan implementation and other park amenities identified in this plan. The plan calls for restoring the park to a natural resource based park, removing contaminated soils and debris in addition to highlighting a number of overall design improvements for the park.

Stryker George Precinct Plan (2006) provides design guidelines for future redevelopment within the Stryker George neighborhood. The Plan builds upon the vision and ideas of the *Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework (1997)* to redevelop the Stryker George neighborhood through focused attention on; ecology and the public realm, environmental context, built form, land use and economic development, public safety and movement networks.

Harriet Island/District Del Sol Opportunity Site (2003) utilizes smart growth principles to provide a redevelopment scenario for two separate areas, Harriet Island and District Del Sol. The Concept Plan provides the opportunity to create a more balanced mix of uses and lay the foundation for revitalization and redevelopment of the greater West Side.

West Side Community Plan and the Riverview Commercial Corridor Revitalization Program (2001) builds upon the long standing Westside principles of Accessibility, Connectedness, Opportunity and Quality by creating guidelines for

redevelopment on the West Side. In addition, this Plan provides strategies and recommendations for the evolution of the West Side in the following areas: community identity, transportation and infrastructure, commercial corridor revitalization, housing and public safety.

West Side Flats Master Plan (2001) lays the foundation for the redevelopment of a vacant 45 acre area bordering the Mississippi River and bounded by Wabasha Street, Plato Boulevard and, Robert Street. The Plan provides a master plan for the site as well as detailed development guidelines that, when realized, will connect the site to the river while complementing the greater West Side.

Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework (1997) is an award winning, nationally renowned plan that reinvents the Mississippi riverfront of Saint Paul from its traditional use as a working river to one that incorporates elements of ecological restoration and economic development. This plan also places great emphasis on respecting existing neighborhoods and adding to the overall quality of life for visitors and residents of the City of Saint Paul.

3. Trends

The principles, goals, strategies and policies set forth in the previously mentioned planning documents are categorized based upon the twelve planning categories of the current West Side planning effort. This allows for commonalities within each planning category and across the fourteen planning documents to be identified. The trends that emerged during this process will inform the current West Side plan and ensure past planning efforts are incorporated into the final document.

Limitations

The twelve planning categories are not mutually exclusive and recommendations categorized under a particular category are likely relevant to other areas. In an effort to reduce redundancy recommendations are recorded only once. This has resulted in some categories being significantly underrepresented. In an attempt to address this issue, each section heading is accompanied by links to other sections that are of some relevance and will likely prove informative during the West Side planning process.

In addition, it should be noted that the planning documents reviewed cover a range of focus areas. Examples include a zoning study, a revitalization plan and plans specifically related to parks. The various planning document focuses affect the type and content of recommendations put forth and thus not every planning document will address each aspect of the identified planning categories.

Housing

(See also: Land Use, Transportation, Economic Development and Historic Preservation)

A number of trends emerged during the review of relevant planning documents in relation to housing. The reuse and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock, providing a mix of housing options, providing affordable housing and finally the creation of new housing are all common trends amongst the reviewed planning documents. A detailed collection of relevant information as it relates to housing recommendations can be found in appendix 1. A brief overview of the most common trends is provided below.

Mix of housing options

Providing a mix of housing options is the most prevalent trend in the reviewed planning documents in relation to housing on the West Side. Mixed housing options refer to type (i.e. single family, duplex, apartment, condo), age (average year of housing stock for the West Side is 1914), size, and price. Housing options must also consider human characteristics such as age and ethnicity. Providing housing options for a wide spectrum of ages such as starter homes and senior living will allow people of all ages to call the West Side home. In addition, the increasing diversity of the West Side calls for housing options that are sensitive to a culturally diverse population.

New housing

Another common trend among the reviewed planning documents in relation to housing is the creation of new housing units on the West Side. The Comprehensive Plan highlights areas within the West Side that have the potential for new

housing development. These areas occur along transit routes such as Robert Street, Wabasha Street, Cesar Chavez Street, Smith Avenue, and George Street as well as along the riverfront. In addition, The Comprehensive Plan identifies neighborhood centers such as Riverview Plaza and the intersection of Robert Street and Cesar Chavez Street as areas targeted for increased housing density through new development.

Land Use

(See also: Housing, Transportation, Public Realm and Community Spaces, Economic Development, and Natural Resources and the Environment)

Land use refers to the human use of land. A number of provisions in the reviewed plans address land use. Trends that emerged during this analysis in relation to land use include the reuse of existing buildings, channeling new development to infill sites, maintaining/preserving traditional urban form, and promoting mixed use development. A detailed collection of the relevant information in relation to land use is provided in appendix 1. A brief description of the most prevalent trends is provided below.

Mixed-use development

Mixed-use development can occur in one of two ways. First, horizontal mixed-use development integrates various uses such as commercial and residential across the development site, allowing easy access for those living and working in the area to access goods and services. The second manner in which mixed-use development occurs is vertically, meaning that a combination of two or more land uses are integrated in the same building, usually consisting of ground floor commercial

or retail with residential uses above. *The Comprehensive Plan* identifies a number of “opportunity sites” prime for mixed-use development or employment centers. Four opportunity sites area identified on the West Side and include the West Side Flats, Harriet Island, and two other parcels at the intersection of Robert Street and Cesar Chavez Street.

Infill

Infill is development that takes place on vacant or underutilized lots within the existing urban landscape. Infill takes advantages of the existing urban amenities such as water and sewer infrastructure, roads, schools and public transit. Areas within the West Side identified as potential sites for infill development include but are not limited to West Side Flats, 617 Stryker Avenue, along Concord Street, in proximity to the Concord and Wabasha intersection, neighborhood centers such as District del Sol and along the riverfront. In addition, *The Comprehensive Plan* provides strategies to direct new, higher density infill development to areas identified as “mixed-use corridors”, “residential corridors”, and “neighborhood centers”.

Transportation

(See also: Land Use, Public Realm and Community Spaces, Economic Development and Housing)

Transportation related trends that emerged during this analysis include creating a multi-modal transportation network, providing pedestrian safety measures, providing bicycle amenities, traffic calming/control, public transit improvements/additions and automobile parking. A detailed collection of the relevant information in relation to transportation is provided in appendix 1. A brief description of the most prevalent trends is provided below.

Multi-modal transportation network

Overwhelmingly, the reviewed planning documents expressed a desire to create a multi-modal transportation system that promotes pedestrian and bicycle mobility, transit use and traffic calming techniques to create a safe and efficient transportation network. A multi-modal transportation network will provide visitors and residents of the West Side with alternatives to the personal automobile. Additional trends that emerged during this analysis that specifically mention pedestrian safety, bicycle amenities and improved transit opportunities further promote a fully integrated, multi-modal transportation network.

Pedestrian safety measures such as crosswalk bump-outs, colored/textured crosswalks, streetscape improvements, vegetative buffers and other traffic calming techniques are offered as a means to provide an environment that is conducive to pedestrian mobility.

Enhancing and improving bicycle amenities such as on-street bike lanes, paved trails and bicycle racks promote the use of the bicycle as a practical and safe means of transportation on the West Side. *The Comprehensive Plan* recommends filling gaps in the bicycle trail network on Wabasha Street (between Water and Cesar Chavez) and on Smith Avenue and Stryker Avenue. In addition, the creation east-west routes along George and Annapolis are offered as a means to further integrate the bicycle into the overall transportation network.

Enhancing and improving upon the existing public transit network as well as creating new transit amenities that further contributes to the creation of a multi-modal transportation

network are a few policies put forth in the reviewed planning documents. Improved bus shelters and increasing the frequency of bus stops could be complimented with streetcar or trolley service providing the West Side with a unique and identifiable transit service. *The Met Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan* identifies Robert Street as a potential location for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). BRT is an enhanced bus system that combines the reliability and right-of-way access often associated with Light Rail Transit, with the flexibility and relatively low-capital investment often associated with a traditional bus system.

Connectivity

Transportation improvements often focus on improving the connectivity of an area. Among the reviewed planning documents, importance is placed upon connecting residents and visitors to the riverfront, connecting consumers to retail and commercial areas, providing connections between existing parklands, creating clear connections between existing transit amenities and improving the overall connectivity through the creation of a multi-modal transportation network as described above. Improving connections to downtown Saint Paul as well as improving east-west connections are offered as strategies to further connect residents and visitors to desirable locations and attractions within the West Side.

Natural Resources and the Environment

(See also: Land use, Transportation, and Public Realm and Community Spaces)

From the Mississippi River to the bluffs overlooking downtown Saint Paul, the West Side is rich in natural resources. The importance of protecting and enhancing the

natural resources of the West Side is well established in the reviewed planning documents. Trends that emerged during this analysis in relation to natural resources and the environment include stormwater management, native plant/natural area restoration, urban forestry, pollution prevention and clean up and promoting energy efficiency. A detailed collection of the relevant information in relation to natural resources is provided in appendix 1. A brief description of the most prevalent trends is provided below.

Stormwater management

A number of the reviewed planning documents address the importance of reducing the amount of stormwater that enters local water bodies such as the Mississippi River. To fulfill this objective, the reviewed planning documents recommended the use of pervious pavers, and other on-site management, capturing and reusing rainwater for local purposes and the installation of rain gardens. The use of rain gardens have the added benefit of acting as an aesthetic amenity for the area as well as provide the West Side with locales to increase and enhance native plant species.

Native plants/natural area preservation

Significant attention is paid to restoring and preserving native plant species and landscapes within the West Side. The bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River are identified in a number the reviewed planning documents as areas of particular concern for preservation and enhancement. The bluffs provide habitat for wildlife and native plant species as well as act as a visual amenity for visitors and residents of the West Side. The riverfront, as redevelopment occurs, is also identified as an area that should be enhanced through the reintroduction,

preservation and reinforcement of native plant species and natural landscapes.

Historic Preservation

(See also: Land use, Economic Development and Arts and Culture)

Historic preservation has the ability to promote economic development, increase property values and add to the overall quality of life for residents of the West Side. Trends that emerged during this analysis in relation to historic preservation include preserving the historic buildings on the West Side and representing the cultural and social history of the West Side. A detailed collection of the relevant information in relation to historic preservation is provided in appendix 1. A brief description of the most prevalent trends is provided below.

Historic buildings

Preservation of historic buildings is espoused as a core principle in *The Comprehensive Plan* and is reinforced in a number of other relevant planning documents. Further examining and preserving West Side monuments, landscapes and architecture that possess historic significance will create a sense of place, reinforce neighborhood identity and increase the overall quality of life for residents of the West Side. In addition, exploring means to promote historic preservation such as education, outreach and/or historic tax credits are offered as strategies to further strengthen historic preservation on the West Side.

Historic interpretation

In addition to the physical historic representation of historic buildings is the interpretation and display of historic events,

culture and socially significant happenings of the West Side. Historic interpretation can be done through education and outreach as well as interpretive signage and art. *The Great River Parks Master Plan* (DRAFT) identifies a number of historical resources to be protected and interpreted including river transportation, recreation and the evolution of immigrant communities on the West Side.

Public Realm and Community Spaces

(See also: Arts and Culture, Land Use, Transportation, Natural Resources and the Environment, Community Health, Economic Development and Youth and Family Development)

The public realm refers to all those areas in a city that are open to the public. Civic buildings, parks, sidewalks, streetscapes and trails can all be considered part of the public realm. The public realm of the West Side provides a number of distinctive characteristics that make it a special and desirable public amenity. Proximity to the Mississippi River, skyline views, and area parks are all strengths of the West Side public realm. Trends that emerged during this analysis in relation to the public realm include enhancing the current park system, adding new parks, improving the streetscape, maintaining key viewsheds and creative place-making. A detailed collection of the relevant information in relation to the public realm is provided in appendix 1. A brief description of the most prevalent trends is provided below.

Parks

The West Side is currently served by Cherokee Regional Park, Lilydale Regional Park, and Harriet Island Park, a number of smaller neighborhood parks and abuts the Mississippi River. Enhancing, preserving and improving park amenities are

espoused in a number of relevant planning documents. Restoring the bluffs, connecting the existing park system through green streets and pathways, and creating organized activities to attract people to parks are all mentioned as possible strategies to improve the existing park system.

In addition, significant emphasis is placed upon creating an open and accessible riverfront in which community members can gather and interact with the natural environment. A public promenade, esplanade, urban parks and/or gathering places are all mentioned as possible ways in which to connect residents of the West Side to the Mississippi River.

Sightlines/viewsheds

The bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River and downtown Saint Paul provide a number of aesthetically pleasing sightlines from the West Side. Maintaining and enhancing identified sightlines through selective height, bulk and massing ordinances is a critical component in a number of the reviewed planning documents. *The Comprehensive Plan* (pg LU 46) identifies a number of key sightlines on the West Side that should be considered for preservation and enhancement including along Smith Avenue, Robert Street and Cesar Chavez Street. In addition, key sightlines have the added benefit of providing visual connections to area destinations, further promoting key amenities of the West Side such as the riverfront, bluffs and local businesses.

Place-making

Creative and active place-making within the West Side is expressed as a desired outcome of a number of reviewed planning documents. Public art, gateway features and

streetscape enhancements are a few ways in which to create a unique and identifiable sense of place. In addition, the creation of wayfinding signage highlighting area amenities and directing visitors and residents to strategic locations within the West Side is mentioned in a number of the reviewed planning documents.

Arts & Culture

(See also Public Realm and Community Spaces, Economic Development and Historic Preservation)

Public art applications and cultural expression provide the West Side with a distinctive and unique means of celebration through shared investment. Trends that emerged during this analysis in relation to arts and culture include public art applications, celebrating the diversity of the West Side and representing cultural significance through interpretive signage. A detailed collection of the relevant information in relation to arts and culture is provided in appendix 1. A brief description of the most prevalent trends is provided below.

Public Art

A number of areas within the West Side have been identified as possible locations for public art applications including the riverfront, featureless building facades, building architecture, and gateway features. In addition, Riverview Economic Development Association (REDA) conducted a formal evaluation of public art on the West Side in 2008 (preliminary report published January 2009). The public art analysis identifies a number of high priority public art applications within the West Side that should be given priority for rehabilitation funds due to their current condition and perceived value to community members. The results of the

study indicate “Hunger Has No Color” (344 S. Robert St.) and “Where the Sun Meets the River” (South of Robert St.) should be given revitalization priority.

Cultural diversity

The West Side is a diverse and unique area within greater Saint Paul. The West Side has long been the first entry point for new immigrants to Saint Paul. The reviewed planning documents suggest the diversity of the West Side can be celebrated through representative public art applications, gateway features and/or community events. Interpretative signage highlighting cultural and ethnic characteristics unique to the West Side is offered as a strategy in a number of the reviewed planning documents to further promote and celebrate the cultural diversity of the West Side.

Economic Development

(See also: Public Realm and Community Spaces, Arts and Culture, Land Use, Housing, Historic Preservation, Transportation, and Natural Resources and the Environment)

The strength of the local business community and the overall economic health of the area will play a significant role in the future of the West Side. A healthy, vibrant and diverse business community will provide residents with employment opportunities and serve local neighborhoods. Trends that emerged during this analysis in relation to economic development include attracting new businesses and maintaining existing businesses through assistance programs and community branding efforts. A detailed collection of relevant information in relation to economic development is provided in appendix 1. A brief description of the most prevalent trends is provided below.

Attract new businesses

Adding to the existing business mix of the West Side is mentioned as an objective in a number of the reviewed planning documents. Increasing the number of living wage employment opportunities, providing land for jobs, revitalizing the riverfront through businesses attraction and attracting local anchor tenets are all identified as strategies to achieve this objective. In addition, creating an environment that is attractive to potential employment centers or business activity will further market the West Side as a viable and desirable area to locate a business.

Maintain/assist existing businesses

While the addition of new business and employment opportunities is an important component of a number of reviewed planning documents, maintaining and assisting the existing employment base and local businesses is also expressed as a priority for the West Side. Fully utilizing City funds, commercial building rehab programs, business retention programs, assisting small and minority businesses and developing business associations are all strategies aimed at maintaining and enhancing the local business community. In addition, marketing and branding of the unique and diverse businesses on the West Side is offered as a means to attract a new customer base to the area.

Community Health

(See also Natural Resources and the Environment, Public Realm and Community Spaces, Transportation, and Land Use) This analysis did not find any trends related to community health. However, this does not suggest that reviewed planning documents neglect to address community health issues. While

community health is not explicitly mentioned in the reviewed planning documents, tangent connections to recommendations related to community health are identified. Protection of natural resources provides clean air and water, parks provide residents with an area to experience leisure and passive recreation, a safe and efficient bicycle network allows residents and visitors to partake in physical exercise and a built form conducive to pedestrian mobility promotes physical activity.

Direct mention of community health in the reviewed planning documents include, promoting healthy lifestyles, planning for community gardens and providing healthy and nutritious food in vending machines and at community gatherings.

Community Engagement/Community Development

(See also: Education, Public Realm and Community Spaces, Arts and Culture, Land Use, and Economic Development) Recommendations put forth in the reviewed planning documents were limited in relation to community engagement and community development. *The Comprehensive Plan* espouses the importance of community engagement by ensuring a climate of inclusion in which all members of the community are encouraged to participate in planning and decision making processes.

Strategies put forth in the reviewed planning documents in relation to community development are the creation of community events such as national night out and shared community festivals. In addition, supporting existing community centers and creating recreational facilities for all ages are recommendations offered in the reviewed planning

documents to further promote community development on the West Side.

Education

(See also: Youth & Family Development and Community Engagement/Community Development)

Recommendations put forth in the reviewed planning documents in relation to education are limited. *The Comprehensive Plan* does directly mention education on a few occasions calling for collaboration between the City and school districts and organizations in planning for building reuse, general improvements and to coordinate neighborhood improvements with school improvement construction. In addition, The Comprehensive Plan adopts the goals set forth in Twin Cities Compass of having young children enter the school system ready to learn and having all students graduate from high school and prepared for post-secondary education.

Youth & Family Development

(See also Public Realm and Community Spaces, Community Health, and Education)

Recommendations put forth in the reviewed planning documents in relation to youth and family development are limited. While direct mention of youth and family development is limited, tangent connections to recommendations related to youth and family development are identified. The enhancement and creation of parks and community spaces provides activities for youth and act as gathering locations for family outings, having children ready to learn when entering the school system promotes a strong educational foundation for youth and a healthy community promotes healthy families.

4. Plan Discrepancies and Reconciliation Recommendations

The vast majority of the principles, goals and recommendations put forth in the planning documents provide a unified direction for planning on the West Side. However, a few discrepancies in recommendations have been identified and are mentioned below.

1. *The Comprehensive Plan* requires all district, neighborhood, small area and site planning efforts to “plan for the production and preservation of affordable housing in their area” (pg 25). However, the recently completed *Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan* does not explicitly address or call for the creation of affordable housing. Strategy H1.4 in the *Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan* calls for the continued assessment of vacant housing conditions. In order to remedy the lack of affordable housing planning in the *Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan*, this assessment could include exploring the potential for affordable housing at these locations.

Additional attention should be paid to ensure that affordable housing is addressed in the current West Side planning effort.

2. West Side Flats is identified as a possible neighborhood center on the 2030 land use map of *The Comprehensive Plan*. Residential development within neighborhood centers is to be at densities supportive of transit and walking. As mentioned in *The Comprehensive Plan*, the threshold for densities supportive of transit and walking is 50 dwelling units per acre. The *West Side Flats Master Plan and Development Guidelines* set forth a plan that has residential density of about 30/unit/acre, which is

below the threshold for transit and walking supportive densities. Increasing density above that which is recommended in the *West Side Flats Master Plan and Development Guidelines* could be considered to accommodate transit and walking supportive development.

3. Improvements put forth in the reviewed planning documents to the built, social and natural environments will likely have many benefits for residents and visitors of the West Side. However, improvements to the quality of life of residents of the West Side may also have the potential to increase property values, which in turn may increase property taxes. Increased property taxes may have the unintended consequence of pricing people out of their homes. Attention should be given to assisting low to moderate-income families who may be affected by increased property taxes to ensure they are not unintentionally priced out of their homes.

General		
Plan Name	Scope	Goals/Principles
St. Paul Comprehensive Plan (2010)	Citywide	<p>Sustaining St. Paul-Sustainability is overarching theme with three components</p> <p>Economic sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A place to live, work, play and thrive • Workforce development, corporations and entrepreneurs contribute to economic base • Quality schools, solid housing stock, health care services, public buildings and infrastructure as well as unique amenities attract new populations • Redevelopment renews the build environment and increases tax revenues. • Enhanced transportation provides easy access to all parts of the city. <p>Environmental sustainability-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings, open spaces, and infrastructure are designed with attention to ecological systems and a light environmental footprint • Buildings are rehabilitated and constructed with reused and renewable materials and utilize technologies that are energy efficient and promote conservation <p>Social sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical design of the city and its neighborhoods, its amenities and community-based activities draw people together and promote equal opportunities • Enrichment through lifelong learning, healthy lifestyles and civic engagement contribute to quality of life in each of the city's neighborhoods and larger communities.
Mississippi Critical Rule Making Plan (*Deadline for submission has passed)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting and preserving a unique and valuable state and regional resource for the benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens for the state, region, and nation; • Preventing and mitigating irreversible damage to this resource; • Preserving and enhancing its natural, aesthetic, cultural, and historical value for public use; • Protecting and preserving the river as an essential element in the national, state, and regional transportation, sewer and water, and recreational systems; and • Protecting and preserving the biological and ecological functions of the corridor.
Great River Parks Master Plan (Current)	Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More natural-become a thriving system of habitat, open space and natural features that will define a healthy and vibrant St. Paul • More urban-a place of “better urban”, balance environmental stewardship and smart growth principles, enhances the natural environment and characterizes a high quality urban realm • More connected-strengthen and create connections along the River and into neighborhoods and the City. Establish view corridors in areas where physical barriers exist and where habitat needs solace. Convey history and story of the state, educating and inspiring.
Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan (Current)	Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a safe, thriving community • Tree-lined, mixed-use thoroughfares offer divers housing options. • Affordable office and retail create a vibrant business community • Unique and diverse restaurants, retail goods, services that create personal connections between patrons and businesses.
Met Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (2010)	Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide direction for criteria used to solicit and select transportation projects for federal funding; • To review applications for federal and state financial assistance; • To review and approve controlled-access highway plans; • To review environmental assessments and impact statements; • To guide policy implementation strategies; • To provide direction to local planning; • To serve as the basis for system monitoring and evaluation; • To provide direction for coordination and implementation activities; • To serve as a basis for identifying issues and developing policy input; • To provide a forum for informing the public and ensuring citizen participation
District Del Sol Zoning Study (2010)	Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring zoning in the District Del Sol area in compliance with neighborhood plans and communities vision for area. • Three commercial corridors <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wabasha 2. Cesar Chavez 3. Robert St.
Cherokee Regional Park Trail Plan	Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a continuous, shared used, paved 1.3 mile regional trail through Cherokee Regional Park, this trail will provide an important connection for Westside residents to downtown Saint Paul and adjacent regional trails along the Mississippi River.

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Plan Name	Scope	Goals/Principles
Lilydale Regional Park Plan (2009)	Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address the 11 elements identified for Regional Parks and Open Space Master Plans in Met Council Parks and Open Space Development Guide/Policy Plan
Stryker George Precinct Plan (2006)	Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong ecological connections to unique geographical features Network of green streets Retain existing network of streets and enhance with landscaping, pockets of green space Range of housing types and businesses that foster a diverse community Public realm that is safe and friendly for pedestrians-pedestrian-scaled ornamental lighting and street furniture Active streetscape environment that is inviting as a gathering spot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evoke a sense of place. Create a physical setting for new development that says, “This is Saint Paul.” Restore and establish the unique urban ecology. Look for opportunities to restore those parts of the natural environment that have been lost over time due to development, such as trees, native habitats and clean water. Invest in the public realm. Create a network of streets, sidewalks and parks that are safe, vibrant and pedestrian friendly. Broaden the mix of uses. Create a downtown and riverfront where people live, work and play. Improve connectivity. Provide people with safe, attractive and convenient ways to move between neighborhoods, downtown and the river. Ensure that buildings support the broader city building goals. Design new buildings to fit into their surroundings and enhance and activate adjacent public spaces. Build on existing strengths. Start with what we already treasure—our historic buildings, parks, tree-lined streets and the Mississippi River. Preserve and enhance heritage resources. Preserve historic buildings and public spaces. Provide a balanced network for movement. Design city streets to accommodate pedestrians, cars, buses, bikes, on-street parking, landscaping, lighting and signs. Foster public safety. Increase the number of people in our public spaces downtown, along the riverfront and in our neighborhoods.
Harriet Island/District Del Sol Opportunity Site (2003)	Area	<p>Utilize Smart Growth principles to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment/infill of the primarily industrial flats area Creating a better focused and more recognizable retail/commercial corridor linking downtown to District del Sol via Wabasha and Concord Streets Establish better connections to the river, regional park, nearby jobs and existing neighborhoods
West Side Community Plan and the Riverview Commercial Corridor Revitalization Program (2001)	District Wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a unified identity for the study area Build upon ethnic theme to create a unique place and experience Provide multiple levels for commerce entry (varied sizes and lease, rates of lease space for retail/commercial start-ups/move-ups) through new development/redevelopment and relocation-more-ups replacements Provide more parking opportunities Create opportunities for “24 hour activity”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing, retail, entertainment, employment, recreation Build on opportunities provided by geographic location: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downtown, river, trails, bluffs Create boundaries to define entry, arrival, passage and place Create engaged open space that enhances commercial opportunities. <p>West Side Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility. Riverfront development shall be consistent with a community vision of pedestrian corridors buffered from traffic that invite residents to enjoy affordable activities on the riverfront in all seasons. Connectedness. Riverfront development shall incorporate the character and culture of the West Side. Projects must provide a clear and definite connection with the aesthetics and spirit of the existing neighborhood. In addition, development should enhance transportation and relational linkages between the West Side and other riverfront communities. Opportunity. Riverfront development shall provide job and business opportunities for West Side residents and community development opportunities for the neighborhood as a whole through such projects as business incubators, youth development and educational activities, and the establishment of a community trust fund. Quality. Riverfront development shall respect that the West Side is first and foremost a place where people live, thereby protecting the residents’ ability to peacefully enjoy their homes and neighborhood

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West Side Flats Master Plan (2001)	Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility. Riverfront development shall be consistent with a community vision of pedestrian corridors buffered from traffic that invite residents to enjoy affordable activities on the riverfront in all seasons. • Connectedness. Riverfront development shall incorporate the character and culture of the West Side. Projects must provide a clear and definite connection with the aesthetics and spirit of the existing neighborhood. In addition, development should enhance transportation and relational linkages between the West Side and other riverfront communities. • Opportunity. Riverfront development shall provide job and business opportunities for West Side residents and community development opportunities for the neighborhood as a whole through such projects as business incubators, youth development and educational activities, and the establishment of a community trust fund. • Quality. Riverfront development shall respect that the West Side is first and foremost a place where people live, thereby protecting the residents' ability to peacefully enjoy their homes and neighborhood
St. Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework (1997)	Citywide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evoke a sense of place. Create a physical setting for new development that says, "This is Saint Paul." • Restore and establish the unique urban ecology. Look for opportunities to restore those parts of the natural environment that have been lost over time due to development, such as trees, native habitats and clean water. • Invest in the public realm. Create a network of streets, sidewalks and parks that are safe, vibrant and pedestrian friendly. • Broaden the mix of uses. Create a downtown and riverfront where people live, work and play. • Improve connectivity. Provide people with safe, attractive and convenient ways to move between neighborhoods, downtown and the river. • Ensure that buildings support the broader city building goals. Design new buildings to fit into their surroundings and enhance and activate adjacent public spaces. • Build on existing strengths. Start with what we already treasure—our historic buildings, parks, tree-lined streets and the Mississippi River. • Preserve and enhance heritage resources. Preserve historic buildings and public spaces. • Provide a balanced network for movement. Design city streets to accommodate pedestrians, cars, buses, bikes, on-street parking, landscaping, lighting and signs. • Foster public safety. Increase the number of people in our public spaces downtown, along the riverfront and in our neighborhoods. <p>Specifically to the West Side</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West Side is one in a series of linked urban villages • An area to live, work and play

Physical Features				
Plan Name	Housing	Land Use	Transportation	Natural Resources/other/earth
Trend Legend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reuse/rehab/ -Mix of housing options -Affordable housing provisions -New Housing -Miscellaneous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reuse -Infill -Mix of uses -Traditional urban form -Height restrictions -Maintain existing -Miscellaneous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Multi-modal -Pedestrian specific -Bicycle specific -Traffic control -Transit -Parking -Miscellaneous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stormwater management -Native plantings/natural area/restoration/preservation -Tree canopy/urban forestry -Pollution/waste prevention/cleanup -Energy efficiency -Miscellaneous
St. Paul Comprehensive Plan (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build upon St. Paul's strengths in the evolving Metro housing market • Preserve and promote established neighborhoods • Ensure the availability of affordable housing across the city • Preference for preserving existing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Growth in unique communities • Provide lands for jobs • Promote aesthetics and development standards • Increase density • Opportunity sites for mixed-use development-West Side Flats, Harriet Island, two at intersection of Robert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a safe and well-maintained system • Enhance balance and choice • Support an active and healthy environment • Enhance and connect neighborhoods • "complete streets" concept • Robert Street is identified as a Transitway-Major routes that have 	<p>From Sustainable St. Paul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy-efficient retrofits for existing city facilities • Clean and renewable energy supply • Green development • Green gatherings • Green manufacturing initiative • Green space and urban reforestation • Recycling and waste reduction

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	<p>affordable housing over new housing development [redacted].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New housing development should reflect changing demographics [redacted]. Neighborhood centers should increase building densities and population densities: Riverview Plaza, Robert Street and César Chavez have been identified as Neighborhood Centers [redacted]. Potential for new housing on West Side [redacted]. "Require all district councils and City-appointed task forces to plan for the production and preservation of affordable housing in their area, through district plans, small area plans, station area plans, or other neighborhood planning processes. These plans should show how each neighborhood or planning area will contribute to citywide goals, by identifying key vacant or underutilized sites for new mixed-income housing and sites that will provide residents of new housing access to transit and active lifestyles" (pg 25) [redacted]. Provide housing choices for everyone [redacted]. Direct new housing to established neighborhoods (3-20 dwelling units/acre) and residential corridors (4-30 dwelling units/acre) [redacted]. <p>Twin Cities Compass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing. People at all income levels have housing opportunities throughout the city and East Metro [redacted]. 	<p>Street and Cesar Chavez [redacted].</p> <p>Area identified as Neighborhood Centers [redacted].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Del Sol <p>Proposed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Side Flats <p>Strategies for Neighborhood Centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance accommodating growth, supporting transit/pedestrians, providing a range of housing, housing densities that support transit, provide open space and recreational opportunities [redacted]. Establish boundaries that reflect existing development patterns and functional characteristics of area [redacted]. Plan for growth [redacted]. Promote as compact, mixed-use communities that provide services and employment close to residents [redacted]. Promote residential development at densities promoting transit [redacted]. Promote a place, amenity, or activity that serves as a community focus and emphasizes the special identity of area [redacted]. Provide connections for bicycles and pedestrians to community facilities, activities supportive of residential population and to adjacent areas [redacted]. Promote conditions that support those who live and work in area including frequent transit service, vibrant business districts, a range of housing choices and community amenities [redacted]. 	<p>significant transit investment such as LRT or BRT [redacted].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure and expand transit system [redacted]. <p>Create new or improved connected bicycle routes on the West Side of Saint Paul, including but not limited to [redacted]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filling the north-south gap on Wabasha Street between Water and Cesar Chavez, and on Smith Avenue, Stryker Avenue, or nearby streets; and [redacted] East-west routes on George Street and Annapolis or nearby streets [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation options-alternative fuels and vehicles [redacted]. Water resources management [redacted]. <p>Comprehensive plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a safe and affordable water supply system [redacted]. Reduce pollutant loads to water bodies [redacted]. Operate and maintain a cost effective sanitary sewer infrastructure [redacted]. Work closely with district councils to incorporate water quality into local planning and encourage active communication between district councils, the City Water Resources Coordinator, watershed districts and other partners to effectively leverage opportunities for achieving Saint Paul's water-related goals [redacted]. Pursue projects and programs that reduce the carbon footprint [redacted]. Reduce stormwater runoff through material use, rain gardens, education, incentives (roads, rooftops, parking lots, etc...) [redacted]. Reduce lawn watering needs through native plants, rain barrels, gray water for irrigation, drip irrigation etc... [redacted] (2).
Mississippi Critical Rule Making Plan (Current*)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposes height restrictions based upon preliminary district [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screen parking with vegetation [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve bluff impact zone (within 20' of bluff) [redacted]. Slope preservation zone (within 20' of steep slopes) [redacted]. Stormwater management standards-reduce stormwater runoff [redacted]. Encourage property owners to protect or restore natural vegetation [redacted].

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Great River Parks Master Plan (Current)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-use building/café in Harriet Island Park Infill development adjacent to Harriet Island Park Encourage development on vacant or underutilized riverfront sites Mixed-use urban villages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link parkways and boulevard network to river corridors Develop better neighborhood access to the river for pedestrians and bicycles Slow traffic speeds within park Link river corridor to transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a continuous natural corridor by expanding and linking natural areas Protect existing natural areas and improve their natural qualities by limiting use and expanding landscape management Create a series of preserves to establish a higher level of protection for the most sensitive resources Improve stormwater quality
Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan (Current)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and improve residential properties-improve energy efficiency, façade improvements, landscaping, assess vacancies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain current patterns of development on Smith Ave. Mixed use at commercial nodes Maintain existing building heights 1-2 stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve pedestrian safety through colored/textured crosswalks, bumpouts, and traffic calming devices Eliminate parking restrictions Shared parking Street parking Bike route on ave. or adjacent and other bike amenities Traffic control at Cherokee Park Explore streetcar concept 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install raingardens/bioswales/ecoswales in new and existing development Practice sustainable urban forestry Pervious pavers in parking lots Plant/maintain native/bird/butterfly friendly plantings Energy audits for commercial buildings
Met Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (2010)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Street a candidate as a transit corridor with arterial Bus Rapid Transit service (limited stop service) (implemented between now and 2020) 	
District Del Sol Zoning Study (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed changes in zoning for District del Sol increases the number of potential residential units through TN2 mixed-use zoning designation Allows for a mix of housing types 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposes rezoning significant portions to allow for a more pedestrian friendly, mixed-use, transit supportive environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-zoning will create a more pedestrian friendly, transit supportive environment 	
Cherokee Regional Park Trail Plan			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide connections to adjacent residential and commercial areas Reduce conflicts with vehicular traffic Shared use path for pedestrian and cyclists where possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce impact on native vegetation along bluffs Stabilize eroding slopes and gully's Encourage interaction with natural environment in sensitive way Develop management efforts to protect or enhance health of the bluff land ecosystem and native biological diversity Improve environmentally sensitive recreation opportunities Remove unneeded fencing within park Stormwater management No light pollution
Lilydale Regional Park Plan (2009)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realign roadways and paths to improve connectivity within and to park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore park to natural resource based park Remove existing contaminated soils and debris Maintain or improve native plant communities

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage semi-natural cover types towards dominance of native plant species [redacted]. • Avoid or minimize impacts to existing natural areas during park development [redacted]. • Plan for infrastructure that enables cost effective natural area management where trails can serve as firebreaks and/or access points for on-the-ground management [redacted]. • Carry out surface water and infrastructure planning both within the park and outside the park by engaging appropriate stakeholders to reduce erosion issues and for improved water quality [redacted].
Stryker George Precinct Plan (2006)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote residential building rehab program available through NeDA-guidelines for low-interest loan programs on rehabilitating residences can be used as premise for this program [redacted]. • Diversify housing stock, particularly for seniors [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage retention and rehabilitation of existing development, except parking lots [redacted]. • Reuse vacant lots [redacted]. <p>Objective: Promote the reuse and rehabilitation of vacant structures; design new buildings to fit in with their context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that built form responds to the existing topography and low-rise structures [redacted]. • Mix of uses including commercial, office, entertainment, transportation, parks [redacted]. • Strategically direct infill development to relate to adjoining structures [redacted]. • 617 Stryker-new construction to not exceed 30 ft. in height-townhomes with street level retail use [redacted]. • Site new buildings close to the street in an urban configuration [redacted]. • Incorporate transit oriented design [redacted]. • Rehab existing structure with new uses [redacted]. • Vacant lots should be replaced with residential new uses and some retail [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate a multi-modal transportation network [redacted]. • Traffic calming measures in neighborhoods [redacted]. • Ensure through design and enforcement that Stryker Ave. traffic does not divert to Winslow, Hall and Humboldt avenues [redacted]. • Design a safe way to direct pedestrian traffic from the top of Elizabeth Hill to Stryker Ave. [redacted]. • Create a natural buffer between residences and commercial parking [redacted]. • Provide structured off-street parking to replace surface parking lost to redevelopment [redacted]. • Hide parking, either behind the building or underground [redacted]. <p>Objective: Facilitate a diversity of forms of movement, including walking, bicycling, mass transit and driving; calm traffic as it enters and moves through the neighborhood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design the street rights-of-way to balance the needs of cars, bicycles, public transportation and pedestrians [redacted]. • Enhance existing transit service and provide warm/clean/well lit transit waiting facilities [redacted]. • Provide direct connections to major bus routes [redacted]. • Redesign the Stryker Ave/Dodd Rd. intersection to improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians [redacted]. • Enhance pedestrian experience i.e. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Landscape/streetscape initiatives to create a more ped-friendly environment. • Plant trees along Stryker to create network of green pathways from neighborhood to main arteries of West Side and river bluff [redacted]. • Native plantings in rain gardens [redacted]. • Reduce rate/quantity of storm water from neighborhood to below bluffs-storm water management [redacted]. • Identify ecological restoration, preservation and naturalization [redacted]. • Implement the use of rain gardens to beautify the streetscape and provide an ecologically efficient way to address stormwater management [redacted]. • Plant street trees and gardens [redacted].

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			adequate paths, windows at street level, café zone ■■■.	
Harriet Island/District Del Sol Guidelines (2003)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harriet Island—several new residential and mixed-use districts provide housing for people in all stages of life ■■■. • DDS—infill construction and new mixed-use buildings provide new housing opportunities ■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential district at western section of Harriet Island ■■. • Mixed-use blocks at southeast corner of Wabasha and Plato ■■. • Retail in mixed use buildings lines Wabasha ■■. • Site for commercial recreational attraction at the levee and Wabasha • Infill along Concord St. ■■. • Infill and rehab around the Wabasha and Concord intersection ■■. • Mixed-use development on the Ice Arena parking lot ■■. • Commercial node at the Concord and Robert intersection—drugstore anchor ■■. • Mixed-use along Robert St., excluding east side of Robert between Colorado and Wood streets ■■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate historic street grid pattern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce need for utility relocation and demolition ○ Promote pedestrian mobility ■■. • Bluffside and new trails connect District Del Sol and Harriet Island/create a new regional amenity ■■. • Bike lanes along Wabasha, Concord and Plato facilitate use of alternative transportation modes for commuting and recreation ■■. • A new or rerouted bus line stops at major points along Wabasha and Concord, which have high quality bus shelters; possible future upgrade to streetcar or BRT service ■■. • Parking garage near proposed recreational attraction—shared by office and retail ■■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Green finger” connect bluffs and river to existing neighborhoods, act as rain gardens ■■.
West Side Community Plan and the Riverview Commercial Corridor Revitalization Program (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation should always be considered as an option before demolition ■■. • A balance of housing options is critical to preserving the character of the neighborhood ■■. • A variety of affordable and market rate housing, housing for seniors which will open up single-family homes for young families ■■ ■■. • Multi-family/multi-unit housing developments should be located along major thoroughfares ■. • The community will forge relationships between renters and landowners provide resources for first-time home buyers, and work to prevent urban blight from becoming a pervasive problem ■■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy industrial uses should not be introduced ■■. • Existing polluters should be gradually removed through redevelopment • Mix of uses ■■. • Increase density through infill construction and rehabilitation of marginalized buildings ■■ ■■. • Street level retail-mixed-use ■■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New connections should be made and old ones should be re-opened between the existing neighborhood and the flats ■■. • New bike trails should link existing trails, especially along the riverfront ■■. • Streetscape improvements should also tie District del Sol to the riverfront and downtown Saint Paul ■■. • The community seeks to build a complete, multi-modal, convenient and affordable transportation system and will work to add east-west transit connections and pedestrian and bicycle linkages, improve or construct sidewalks and curbs, and install ornamental, low-impact street lighting ■■ ■■ ■■. • Increase parking options in the District del Sol area ■■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access and appearance of bluffs on West Side ■■. • Protect existing habitat in Lilydale Park ■■. • Educate community about pollution to the natural environment ■. • Promote more river clean-up and stream bed restoration ■.
West Side Flats Master Plan (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix of housing types ■■. • Mix of housing prices ■■. • Mix of housing sizes ■■. • (All housing is new housing) ■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix of uses ■■. • Pattern and form of urban block ■■. • (all development is infill development) ■■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create six street sections ■■. • Include sidewalks on both sides ■■. • Historic street grid ■■. • On street parking ■■. • Structured ramp ■■. • Clearly marked crosswalks, vegetative buffer for pedestrian safety ■■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit building coverage to no more than 75% ■■. • Conserve and reuse stormwater ■■. • Reduce off-site treatment of stormwater ■■. • Enhancement of urban ecology through plantings and natural stormwater management ■■. • Riverfront as a natural habitat for plants and animal communities ■■. • Trees provide cooling and habitat for birds

Physical Features				
Plan Name	Housing	Land Use	Transportation	Natural Resources/other/earth
St. Paul on the Mississippi (1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range of housing (by income, size, owner/rental, tenure) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on existing villages and create new ones to create a series of linked urban villages: villages on West Side should include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjacent to Harriet Island Park South Wabasha Bridgehead Concord/Robert Streets Esplanade Build on and enhance existing amenities Strengthen the prime edges Define the freeway edges Live, work, play Build on strengths of existing successful neighborhoods Reinforce existing urban fabric Configure redevelopment areas into easily developable city blocks by extending existing street and block network Complete the fabric of the city and respond to local typologies Encourage buildings of appropriate scale and height Mixed-use Strategically direct infill development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-balance the functions of streets, particular attention to retail areas of Wabasha, Concord and Robert Street, riverfront, Water Street and Plato Boulevard Connect bicycle routes Plan and design parking in accordance with Framework principles Parking should be located at rear of buildings Retain on-street parking Balance and maximize use of the river Pedestrian friendly environment-through streetscape and landscaping-pedestrian promenades along Robert, Wabasha, and Water Streets, Plato Boulevard Transit supportive-trolley connecting West Side to downtown Improve public transit along Wabasha Facilitate movement and connections between neighborhoods, retail areas, the riverfront, downtown and existing West Side communities Series of on and off street trails and paths for pedestrians and bicycles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance the environmental and aesthetic quality and integrity of Saint Paul's natural features Strengthen Saint Paul's identity by reinforcing its topography and natural environment Protect, restore and reinforce native vegetation Develop creative design alternatives for river edge treatments Intensify the use of natural stormwater management solutions/ reduce stormwater runoff Support a variety of clean-up efforts and programs for adaptive re-use of contaminated properties Develop an advocacy of people and corporations to participate in restoration and gain proprietary interest in ecological resources Preserve the bluff line

Livability				
Plan Name	Historic Preservation	Public Realm & Community Spaces (Park & Recreation)	Arts & Culture	Civic Engagement/Community Development
Trend Legend		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Improve/enhance/promote/connect existing park(s) -Create new park -Streetscape improvements -Viewsheds -Place-making/wayfinding/gateways -Miscellaneous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public art applications -celebrate diversity of West Side -Interpretive signage -Miscellaneous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community event/center -Public participation -Miscellaneous
St. Paul Comprehensive Plan (2010)	<p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a leader for historic preservation in St. Paul • Integrate historic preservation into the broader planning process • Identify, evaluate, and designate historic resources • Preserve and protect historic resources • Further economic development and sustainability through preservation • Preserve areas with unique architectural and spatial characteristics • Provide opportunities for education and outreach. <p>Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation is a core community value • Historic preservation is a priority for the City of St. Paul • Preservation is a critical component of neighborhood vitality, quality of life and sense of place • Preservation is an essential tool to accomplish economic development • Historic resources are unique and irreplaceable, and should be treated accordingly • Preservation should be integrated with the broader city and neighborhood planning process, and with other chapters of the comprehensive plan. 	<p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create vibrant places • Promote a vital environment • Respond creatively to change • Innovate with every decision • Connect the entire city <p>Pg. 23 Create new connections and improve existing stairways and paths between neighborhoods, parkland, and the Mississippi River, while protecting natural vegetation and the integrity of the bluffline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve significant viewsheds through standards that regulate such impacts as height, bulk, scale and view corridor • National great river park • Create regional bike trail in Cherokee park and Harriet Island park • Encourage drinking fountains in public places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include public art policies in small area plans and other planning documents • Facilitate collaboration between artists and the community to identify opportunities for public art and to discuss civic issues that may inform the artist's work • Support the development of guidelines to incorporate public art in City Financed capital projects and larger redevelopment efforts to imbue these projects with a distinct sense of place; provide for their maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic engagement: the city will foster a climate of inclusion that encourages active participation from everyone living in our community • Provide opportunities that enrich resident's lives (schools, parks, recreation centers, activities for all age groups)
Mississippi Critical Rule Making Plan (*Current)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height limits must minimize obstruction of views from bluffs and parklands to river 		

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Great River Parks Master Plan (Current)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and interpret historic, cultural and natural resources, including, food, river transport, home and shelter, recreation, commerce and control, economy, health, native cultures and immigrant communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for natural-based recreation in a series of river parks [redacted]. Accommodate conventional recreation in community parks in other areas of the city [redacted]. Create a series of gathering places along river including Harriet Island-splash park, skate park, picnic area, winter hockey, summer hand court activities, bath house, etc... [redacted]. West Side Riverwalk-mixed-use buildings front the levee-direct connection to river's edge [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express Saint Paul's culture through public arts and community events [redacted]. 	
Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan (Current)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate preservation options for historic buildings, such as historic tax-credits for abandoned theatre and other buildings built prior to 1960. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create signage to direct trail users to Smith Ave. [redacted]. Create organized activities to attract people to parks [redacted]. Establish restaurant at Cherokee Park [redacted]. Maintain Capitol viewshed [redacted]. Evaluate opportunities for pedestrian resting areas at corners [redacted]. Reclaim "lost spaces" through seating, planters, bike racks or other amenities [redacted]. Provide wayfinding signage [redacted]. Develop uniform streetscape improvements such as flowers, tree installation, garbage receptacles between two cities [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop public art plan [redacted]. Public art installations [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a shared national night out event [redacted]. Implement shared community festivals [redacted].
Met Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (2010)				
District Del Sol Zoning Study (2010)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New zoning will require new development to comply with design standards that maintain and enhance pedestrian oriented-downtown feel [redacted]. 		
Cherokee Regional Park Trail Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpolate historical significance of Cherokee park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create viewing/look out areas [redacted]. Encourage appreciation of Cherokee Park's unique bluff characteristics [redacted]. Develop entrance signage/gateway [redacted]. Provide connections to adjacent regional parks-Harriet Island/Lilydale [redacted]. Restore selective historic views [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate interpretive signage/education activities [redacted]. Native population history [redacted]. Public art installations at Prospect Park and Annapolis [redacted]. 	
Lilydale Regional Park Plan (2009)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park improvements include [redacted]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrooms Walking/hiking trails Picnic area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretive signage and map of unique features [redacted]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage appropriate stakeholders to reduce erosion issues and for improved water quality [redacted].

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dog park ○ Fishing pier ○ Wildlife viewing ○ Gateway feature 		
Stryker George Precinct Plan (2006)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct replications of historic building styles is discouraged (Architecture section) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain view of key landmarks such as downtown skyline (Public spaces/streets) [Blue] • Wayfinding [Green] <p>Objective: Embrace and raise the profile of open spaces and natural features; create a lively, safe and vibrant street environment; connect the Stryker George neighborhood to its adjacent neighborhoods, districts and significant physical and natural features.</p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a strong boulevard system and design for Stryker Ave. [Blue] • Active street level uses [Pink] • Incorporate street furniture, such as benches and bus shelters [Pink] • Ensure that new construction has “eyes on the street” [Pink] • Pedestrian scaled lighting [Pink] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for public art [Green] • Featureless walls should incorporate artistic applications/ornaments [Green] • Integrate public art into building architecture, freestanding works and district monuments [Green] 	
Harriet Island/District Del Sol Guidelines (2003)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuse three historic warehouses for loft-style housing and employment (Harriet Island) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Red Steps” reconnect Harriet Island to the residential area on the bluff and provides a vista through the site to Harriet Island, the River and St. Paul Cathedral on the opposite bank [Green] • New park north of Wood Street creates residential activity focus for and link between District Del Sol, West Side Flats, and Harriet Island and provides much needed soccer fields [Green] 		
West Side Community Plan and the Riverview Commercial Corridor Revitalization Program (2001)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect the existing park system and protect the river bluffs [Green] [Blue] • Restore Bluff Park [Green] • Improve accessibility of Parque Castillo by connecting to Concord and Robert Streets-restroom facilities and development that puts “eyes on the street” [Green] [Pink] • Maintain Lilydale Park by protecting existing habitat-prohibit off-road mechanized uses [Green] • Gateways at both the northern and southern borders should welcome people to the neighborhood and provide a sense of place [Green] • Gateways should include public art representing all West Side ethnic groups [Green] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect neighborhoods existing diversity and foster West Side’s traditional role as first port of entry for emerging immigrant groups [Blue] • Future development should reflect unique character and natural features of the neighborhood [Blue] • Gateways should include public art representing all West Side ethnic groups [Green] [Blue] • Unified identity for District del Sol reflecting its ethnic character to create a unique place within greater Saint Paul [Blue] 	

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West Side Flats Master Plan (2001)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New opens spaces and pedestrian connections to adjacent uses, neighborhood ■. • Visual and physical access to river ■. • Central green ■. • Public edge along river and engagement of public esplanade ■. • Recognition and protection of important viewsheds ■. • 		
St. Paul on the Mississippi (1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve buildings, landscapes and monuments of architectural, cultural and historic merit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide easily recognizable and accessible connections between downtown Saint Paul, the riverfront and the city-wide and regional open space trail systems ■. • Recognize and take full advantage of the historic and recreational significance of Saint Paul's parkway and trail corridor system ■. • Build on existing initiatives to establish an urban greening policy for the downtown, riverfront and river bottom areas ■. • Strengthen, organize and humanize the public realm by recognizing that parks and open space are necessities for creating and sustaining a quality, livable downtown environment ■. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Green riverfront 2. Restore bluffs 3. Green streets 4. Green parks/squares • Develop a strategy for "greening" streets that supports an improved driving experience and a high-quality pedestrian and bicycle environment ■. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fillmore St. ○ Plato Blvd • Promote a high level of quality programming and maintenance of park, recreation and open space facilities within the public realm ■. • Enrich the existing downtown and riverfront by creating new parks, village greens and signature open spaces in the urban core and along the riverfront ■. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raspberry Island ○ Railway Corridor Green ○ Harriet Island Village Park • Identify, preserve and enhance critical views and panoramas in and around the core and riverfront ■. • Identify and define gateways ■. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Robert Bridgehead ○ South Wabasha Bridgehead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge and celebrate the role of public art in the downtown and riverfront area ■. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage a full range of community services, such as Adult Learning/Cultural/Community Center west of Wabasha St. ■.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chestnut-Shepard ○ Ohio Street ○ Wabasha-Bluff ○ Concord-Robert • Encourage buildings that define and support the public realm [M]. • Create and enhance the network of connected local parks [M]. • Connect to local and regional trails [M]. • Explore possibility of re-use of caves [M]. 		

Community Development				
Plan Name	Education	Youth & Family Development	Community Health	Economic Development
Trend Legend				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [M] - Maintain existing businesses [C] - Attract new businesses [A] - Access business assistance programs [B] - Community/area branding/marketing [M] - Miscellaneous
St. Paul Comprehensive Plan (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with public and private schools and elementary and secondary schools with • Collaborate with Saint Paul Public Schools to determine building reuse criteria. • Collaborate with school organizations to promote 		Twin Cities Compass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health. All people living in St. Paul will have optimum physical and mental health • Support active lifestyles and a healthy environment • Promote active lifestyles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business retention and expansion [M] [C]. • Business attraction [C]. • Proposed focus area for Invest Saint Paul [M]. • Streamlined development process [M]. • Workforce development [M]. • Lay the foundation for more jobs that pay a living wage. [C] [M].

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	<p>neighborhood improvement in conjunction with school construction or major remodeling.</p> <p>Twin Cities Compass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students graduate from high school and are prepared for post-secondary education Early Childhood. The city's young children enter school ready to learn 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks should demonstrate healthy lifestyles by offering nutritious foods/beverages in vending and at events. Partner with healthcare providers to promote healthy lifestyles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and enhance commercial areas Encourage the expansion of compact commercial areas in Neighborhood Centers and Mixed-use Corridors <p>Twin Cities Compass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economy and workforce. A strong regional and local economy encourages business investment and provides employment opportunities for workers at all skill levels
Mississippi Critical Rule Making Plan (*Current)				
Great River Parks Master Plan (Current)				
Smith Avenue Revitalization Plan (Current)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore parks or other city-owned space for community gardens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capture existing audiences through target marketing Perform business gap analysis (M) Recruit locally owned anchor tenants Signage regulations (develop for consistency) (M) Create business association-connect businesses with assistance programs, become members of REDA Develop neighborhood brand-signage, banners, graphic identity Implement landscape design strategies to make Smith Ave. a more inviting place to visit and do business
Met Council 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (2010)				
District Del Sol Zoning Study (2010)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change most areas zoned for Community Business and General Business to Traditional Neighborhood (M)
Cherokee Regional Park Trail Plan				

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Plan Name	Education	Youth & Family Development	Community Health	Economic Development
Lilydale Regional Park Plan (2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide recreational and educational opportunities compatible with sustaining natural community function and integrity 			
Stryker George Precinct Plan (2006)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial building rehabilitation program Increase the amount of neighborhood serving businesses
Harriet Island/District Del Sol Guidelines (2003)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment uses throughout mixed –use district near Wabasha St. and Harriet Island
West Side Community Plan and the Riverview Commercial Corridor Revitalization Program (2001)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the expansion of Neighborhood House Community Center and El Rio Vista Recreation Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an adult based recreation center (West Side Flats) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-create a diverse tenant base Assist small and minority businesses Fully utilize city resources Fill in market niches Establish gateways in District del Sol with engaged open space that enhances commercial opportunities and providing opportunity for 24-hour uses
West Side Flats Master Plan (2001)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revitalize riverfront by providing areas for businesses to locate
St. Paul on the Mississippi (1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify educational opportunities by linking community, and particularly youth development, with ecological initiatives. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a broad employment base Create concentrations of retail activity Encourage broad range of businesses that cater to neighborhood, local and regional markets Discourage displacement of retail and businesses on primary commercial frontages

